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Trust team dig in for community centre spruce-up

Students' call to artist!

CREATIVE arts students at West Lancashire College are sending an open invitation to Turner Prize-winning artist Grayson Perry to return to Skelmersdale to see their work.

The invitation is a response to Perry's recent documentary in the All Man series on Channel 4 in which he interviewed some local gang members.

Borough council chiefs accused the programme of painting a negative image of the town and the college students are keen to show Perry some more positive images of young people in Skelmersdale.

The idea came from art student Alex Curran-Rooke, who like many of the students was annoyed at the depiction of young people in the town as being inevitably drawn into a world of petty crime and drugs.

He said: "I think he should come back and see what young people here are really doing, like studying hard to become artists just like him."

Course co-ordinator, Gary Owens, added: "The town has a great artistic tradition and as Grayson has shown some of his work here recently, it would be great for him to come back and see what our wonderfully talented students have made.

"The students are very excited about the positive impact their work will have in the local community. It's set to be a fabulous event and it's free of charge, we'd love to welcome as many people as possible so please do come along"

The students' art work is on display at the West Lancashire College Skelmersdale campus in College Way (next to Asda) during normal college weekday hours from Thursday, June 16 to Tuesday, June 21, and is open to the general public.

COUNCIL VOW ON TOWN CENTRE PLAN

WEST Lancs Council chiefs have pledged to continue to work with their partners on the scheme to regenerate Skelmersdale Town Centre - despite the owners of the Concourse shopping centre being given leave to appeal the High Court decision dismissing their legal challenge to the scheme.

And they have written to the court asking that the hearing takes place as soon as possible.

Planning permission for the St Modwen scheme was granted by the council in 2015 and borough bosses believe it would bring new shops and leisure opportunities to Skelmersdale, as well as many other benefits.

Leave to appeal the High Court ruling is a preliminary step in the process and full consideration of the matters will only be undertaken in a substantive hearing before the Court of Appeal.

No date has been set for the substantive hearing of the appeal but the council is keen for it to take place as soon as possible.

Councillor Ian Moran

Councillor Ian Moran, council leader and portfolio holder for transformation and economic regeneration, said: "The council is very disappointed that the owners of the Concourse centre have been given permission to appeal. The High Court rejected all their grounds of appeal and upheld the council's decision to grant planning permission for the re-development of Skelmersdale town centre.

"The council remains committed to the Skelmersdale Town Centre Regeneration scheme as we believe this will benefit the people of Skelmersdale and West Lancashire as a whole. The council considers the High Court made the right decision and we will continue to put forward our legal case in a robust manner.

"We believe that we have a very strong case and we have written to the court asking that the appeal hearing takes place as soon as possible to try and avoid any further unnecessary delay to the regeneration scheme which has the backing of the council and its partners, leading regeneration specialist, St Modwen and the Homes and Community Agency."

As well as delivering new shops the scheme is expected to create new leisure opportunities including a cinema, restaurants and bars.

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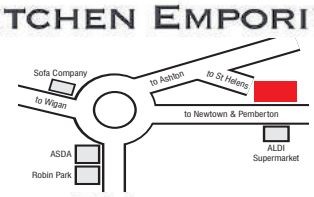

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Warning to beach walkers after boy is burned by discarded barbecue

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

FIRE chiefs are warning beach lovers to be extra-vigilant when visiting the local seaside this summer after a five-year-old boy had to be rushed to hospital with severe burns to his feet when he trod on a discarded beach barbecue hidden in the sand.

The scorching hot coals had only been partially covered up on Formby beach last Sunday afternoon by beach-goers making the most of the glorious weather.

But as young Alex Gilbert and his family were walking across the sands in their bare feet, the youngster unwittingly stepped on the still burning fire-pit.

Now mum Louise, along with Merseyside Fire and Rescue, are urging other beach visitors to be extra vigilant when walking along the sand dunes at Formby – a popular spot with residents of nearby West Lancashire - while also warning those hosting beach barbecues to properly dispose of the hot coals after they are finished with

Alex was taken to hospital and had to be given strong pain killers and oxygen while doctors and nurses treated his burns.

The discarded barbecue fire-pit

Mum Louise said: "I would urge people to be careful and check where they are walking along the beach.

"My five year old son Alex accidentally walked onto a fire pit that had not been properly put out.

"I would just like to make people aware of what could happen. Alex is now off school but bearing up ok."

A spokesperson for Merseyside Fire and Rescue told the Champion: "As part of a campaign by Fire Kills, we are asking everyone to take extra care when cooking outdoors, especially when lighting barbecues or dealing with bad weather.

"It's natural to want to go outdoors and enjoy the warmer weather with family and friends and many of us can't wait to get the barbecue lit.

"By following Fire Kills's top tips you can ensure your barbecue is a safe, enjoyable event. Never leave a lit barbecue unattended."

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Heart charity worker wins prestigious award for dedication to fight against the UK's biggest killer

A CHARITY volunteer from Skelmersdale has scooped a prestigious award for her unstinting efforts to help boost the fight against the UK's biggest killer.

Anne-Marie McVeigh has received the Retail Volunteer of the Year award from the British Heart Foundation (BHF) for her relentless determination in the fight against heart disease.

She picked up the award for the North Region during Volunteers' Week, the annual celebration that recognises the fantastic work of all volunteers across the UK.

Every volunteer is a real heart hero for the BHF, but Anne-Marie scooped the accolade for her hard work and dedication she has demonstrated in the Skelmersdale furniture and electrical store based in the Concourse. She has helped the charity to raise money to fund its life-saving research.

Anne-Marie said: "I am thrilled to have received the Volunteer of the Year award from the BHF. I love coming in and volunteering. I get to work with some fantastic people and have made some wonderful friends.

"Everyone is so supportive and I have learned a great amount since I started volunteering and gained some invaluable experience. I would encourage anyone to volunteer for the BHF as it is such a rewarding experience and you get to meet the most fantastic and inspiring people."

Coronary heart disease is the UK's single biggest killer and all too often it strikes suddenly and unexpectedly. For more than over 50 years the British Heart Foundation has been funding research that saves lives.

The incredible number of hours Anne-Marie - and other volunteers - put towards the fight against heart disease is helping to fund scientists in research labs. The BHF is currently funding more than 1,000 research projects investigating every aspect of heart and circulatory disease across the UK, from causes and safer drugs, to improving surgical techniques.

The BHF encourages their volunteers to not only use and develop the skills they already have, but the opportunity also helps them to keep their foot on the career ladder and gain some excellent experience. Whether you're a student, retired, or simply just have some spare time to give, the BHF has roles to suit everyone.

Steve Roberts, area manager for Skelmersdale, said: "I am delighted that we can recognise Anne-Marie's commitment to the BHF. Volunteers are absolutely essential to the success of the charity, and play an integral part in fighting coronary heart disease, the nation's single biggest killer. We wouldn't be able to continue our lifesaving research without them. Every pound raised, minute of time and donation to BHF shops helps to make a difference to people's lives."

BHF furniture and electrical stores offer a wide variety of roles, including warehouse assistants, electrical function testers, administration assistants, stock generators and telephone operators. The BHF are keen to hear from anyone who has a few hours to spare.

British Heart Foundation charity store volunteer Anne-Marie McVeigh at Skelmersdale Concourse.

Yobs attack property with JCB after breaking into site

Report by **Henry James**

POLICE are investigating an incident in which a group of youths entered a building site and managed to start up a JCB and use it to damage part of a newly-built property.

A local resident who witnessed the incident and alerted the police said it could have had much more serious repercussions if the youths had lost control of the machine.

The witness, who preferred to remain anonymous, spotted the intruders on the building site in Firbeck just after 7pm on Bank Holiday Monday, May 30.

He said: "The youths must have got over the fence and somehow managed to start the JCB. They then raised the JCB's bucket and directed it towards the house.

"The outside wall of the property has been smashed and it looks terrible.

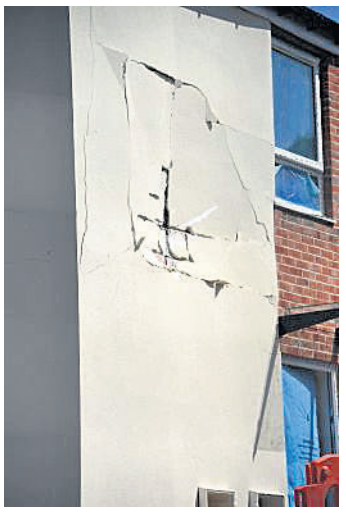
"This was just wilful destruction with no personal gain for them and seemingly just done for devilment.

"It's sad that the council is doing their best for the town, and building some good properties, and then teenagers do something like this.

"It could have been worse. They could have dropped the bucket on their mates and caused a really serious injury.

"I can't understand how they were able to start up the JCB."

A spokesman for Lancashire Police said: "At 7.25pm a group of teenagers have gone on to a new housing estate in Firbeck. They have started the JCB and drove it around the housing estate. They have then used the digger on the JCB and smashed it into the side of a property, causing structural damage.



The damaged property at Firbeck

"The incident is under investigation and anyone with information should ring the police on 101."

A spokesperson for contractors, Keepmoat, said: "Keepmoat informed the police regarding a break-in at our project in Firbeck and a criminal investigation is now underway.

"Thankfully, the damage is contained to just one apartment and we don't anticipate this delaying any handover of properties to the council.

"We have a great relationship with the residents on site and will continue to have open communication with them moving forward.

"This is an isolated incident and we have every confidence in the ongoing police investigation to find who is responsible."

Council's pledge on town centre scheme

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Other benefits would include a high street link between West Lancashire College and the existing town centre, the construction of new and attractive public spaces, together with improved lighting and pedestrian surfaces.

The council say this will make the town centre more attractive for shoppers and visitors looking to enjoy their leisure time.

The plans also include the creation of a new play area to cater for the needs of young families.

And it is estimated the the scheme will create in excess of 500 new jobs.

Paul Batho, project director for St Modwen, said: "We're disappointed that the Concourse owners have been given leave to appeal, however together with partners West Lancashire Borough Council and the Homes and Community Agency, we remain committed to delivering the scheme at the earliest possible opportunity."

High school PTA stage summer fair fundraiser

WEST Lancashire Community High School's Parent Teacher Association will be holding a summer fair this Saturday, June 11 to raise funds for new sports equipment..

The event will run from 11am to 3pm at the school on School Lane, Skelmersdale and will feature family-friendly fun including car boot sales, face painting, a tombola with a range of prizes, and stalls selling gifts and refreshments.

Janet Leigh, PTA member at the specialist secondary school for pupils aged 11 to 19 years with a wide range of learning difficulties, said: "We are holding the fair to raise money for the school, we want to raise funds for sports equipment.

"The event will be fun for all ages and we are urging the public to please support us in helping to assist this wonderful school."

Entry to the event is free.

It's party time at St Michael's

DALTON St Michael's Open Gardens and Garden Party is to take place this Sunday (June 12) from noon to 5pm.

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Welfare Rights team's £14m benefits boost for most vulnerable

THOUSANDS of the most vulnerable people in Lancashire are better off - thanks to a helping hand from the county council's Welfare Rights Service.

According to figures released by the authority nearly £14m in benefits for which people were eligible but weren't claiming, has now been claimed by people in the county over the 12-month period from April 2015 to March 2016.

This money is now supporting residents with basic living costs like eating and heating their home.

During this 12-month period, the Welfare Rights Service dealt with more than 11,000 enquiries from people with various needs - 9,000 of which needed in-depth advice and help.

There are now more people using the service than ever, with more than 31,000 calls last year alone.

Responding to the increased demand, Welfare Rights staff identified residents' needs and carried out the following campaigns:

• Inviting the over-75s for a free and confidential benefits check. This resulted in 160 people being better off by more than £960,000.

• Raising awareness of pension credits and attendance allowance. This meant that people claimed an extra £1.7m in pension credits and £2.7m in attendance allowance.

County Councillor Azhar Ali

• Working closely with Macmillan and cancer nurses to 'fast track' claims for seriously ill people, resulting in pay-outs of £725,000.

• Represented people at 450 benefit appeal tribunals, winning at 375 of these.

County Councillor Azhar Ali, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "We help some of our most vulnerable people to receive the financial support they are entitled to, sometimes when they are going through an extremely stressful time. There are many reasons for this, including serious or sudden illness and not being able to work, or having to reduce working hours.

"The extra income makes a real difference. Often people have extra expense as a result of their age or medical condition, such as increased heating bills or special dietary requirements.

"Some people need our help because of a long-term illness or disability, or they have caring responsibilities.

"There really are so many reasons and genuine problems that mean that people need to claim the financial support that they are entitled to."

Joanne Barker, Welfare Rights Service manager, said: "We want to continue working with other health professionals and their patients in the future, to add to the support we already provide and find more ways to reach and help the most vulnerable and needy in Lancashire.

"We receive hundreds of compliments and thank-you letters as well which is so nice.

"I know some people feel really uncomfortable about asking for help, but would urge anyone who thinks they could be entitled to help to contact us."

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Prince's Trust Skelmersdale Team 47 officially hand over their completed project at The Greenhill Community centre

Prince's Trust team dig in to spruce up community centre

WEST Lancashire College's Prince's Trust team have recently completed their community project at Greenhill Community Centre in Skelmersdale.

The programme aims to give the youngsters, aged between 16 and 25, the skills and confidence to find a job through activities such as helping in local communities, fundraising and practical work.

Students from Prince's Trust Skelmersdale Team 47 have undertaken a wide range of activities at Greenhills Community Centre. Learners cleared the garden, fixed the raised beds, painted the raised beds, cleared the polly tunnel of all rubbish, built new raised beds in the polly tunnel, and weeded and planted fruit and vegetables.

Lez Newman, manager of the Greenhills Community centre, said: "We are immensely proud of what the Prince's Trust team have achieved here. The team have worked so hard and put their all into the project. They've worked so hard to turn the allotment into a useable area for the people of the community."

Louise Roberts, Prince's Trust team leader, said: "There are so many parts of the community who could benefit from the work that the Prince's Trust team have done at Greenhills Community Centre. The team have all worked really well together and have achieved some incredible work that can be enjoyed for years to come."

And assistant team leader, Lorraine Murt, added: "The team have pulled together to complete a hard project and have all learned new skills."

Council takes out injunction against woman for persistent anti-social behaviour

44-year-old banned from areas of Old Skelmersdale until May 2018

A 44-YEAR-OLD woman has been banned from a large area of Old Skelmersdale after being involved in months of anti-social behaviour in the area.

West Lancashire Borough Council applied to Wigan County Court for an injunction against Kerry Hayes, formerly of Acregate, Digmoor.

Ms Hayes, who is currently in prison for burglary, theft in a dwelling and shoplifting, was taken to Wigan County Court to hear District Judge Mornington grant the order which will last until May, 2018.

The court heard that the council took action after Ms Hayes carried out anti-social behaviour in the Aspen Way area of Old Skelmersdale for a number of months.

In support of its case, the council obtained statements from Aspen Way residents who reported that they were regularly disturbed by Ms Hayes and her associates at all hours of the day and night.

The injunction prohibits Ms Hayes from entering the neighbourhood of Chapel House and Pennylands, Skelmersdale. It also prohibits her from approaching or communicating with a named resident; engaging or threatening to engage in conduct that causes or is likely to cause nuisance, annoyance, alarm and distress; and using or threatening violence against anyone living in or visiting the neighbourhood.

If she is found inside the exclusion area, or in breach of other elements of the injunction, she can be arrested. Although Ms Hayes is currently in prison, the injunction is in force now and will last until May 2018.

Councillor Kevin Wright, West Lancs Council's cabinet member for community safety, said: "The council and police work together to tackle criminal and anti-social behaviour and we understand how it causes disturbance and distress to neighbours. This case demonstrates how we take firm action to tackle anti-social behaviour and pursue perpetrators through the courts."

Dave Tilleray, West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership chairman, commented: "Ms Hayes' anti-social behaviour has caused upset to people living in this area. This injunction should serve as a warning to others that this type of behaviour will not be tolerated."

And Councillor Jennifer Patterson, the council's portfolio holder for housing, added: "Ms Hayes is a former tenant of the council. We hope this action will help our tenants and other local residents feel better and more comfortable living in their area."

Anyone who thinks they have witnessed Ms Hayes breaching the injunction can contact the police on 101, or 999 in the case of an emergency. Alternatively they can contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or the council's anti-social behaviour unit on 01695 566355.

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County's childcare providers awarded top marks by Ofsted inspectors

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Recent Ofsted statistics show that more than 89% of the county's childminders and 92% of private, voluntary and independent early years providers have been judged to be good or outstanding.

These compare to the latest national average of 84% of childminders and 86% of private, voluntary and independent providers, such as a nursery, achieving this rating.

Lancashire's performance is also better than the regional average, with 83% of childminders and 84% of private, voluntary and independent providers rated good or outstanding across the North West.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, the county council's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "I'd like to recognise the achievements of all our early years childcare providers in Lancashire. Their hard work and dedication has raised the quality of early years provision to a new high.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson

"We've now achieved our highest ever percentage of good and outstanding ratings by Ofsted.

Remarkable

"To outstrip both the national and the regional average of children in good or outstanding childcare provision is a remarkable achievement, as these ratings are hard to achieve, working to an inspection framework which is rightly demanding.

"I'm really proud of these results. They are testament to the excellent partnership working between providers and the county council's early education improvement team.

"It's great that the overall standard of childcare in Lancashire is up there with the best in the country, but we certainly won't rest on our laurels and will strive to improve our performance even further."

The county council's early education improvement team supports and advises new and established childcare providers across the county.

Ofsted inspections of early years providers are based on five categories: Effectiveness of leadership and management; quality of teaching, learning and assessment; personal development, behaviour and welfare; outcomes for children and learners; and overall inspection outcome

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Men-Aces add royal award to their ever-expanding roll of honours

Report by **Henry James**

PLAYERS and officials of the Skem Men-Aces are celebrating after scooping another honour.

The football club, which caters for adults with learning disabilities, has been awarded the prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

Popularly known as 'the volunteers' MBE', the Queen's Award is the highest honour for voluntary groups in the UK.

The club was founded in 2009 by Carl Eaton and since then has gone from strength to strength.

Carl, who was born with spina bifida and is a right leg amputee, was prompted to form the team by lack of sports activities available for people with learning disabilities in Skelmersdale.

The Men-Aces club, which is accredited with Liverpool FA, is unique in West lancashire, with more than 50 people attending each week.

The team have travelled all over the country with great success, entering and winning many competitions.

Probably their most notable achievement to date was competing in the Special Olympics National Games in Bath in 2013 where they won a silver trophy.

One of their players, Matthew Coppell, was also chosen to represent Mencap team GB in the European Championships in Geneva in June 2015.

And recently Theo Duke and James Hughes helped the GB squad to win the European Football Championship.

The team have also set up numerous charity events raising more than £50,000 for various causes.

Carl and wife Miriam (Mim) also help some of their players who come from deprived backgrounds, setting up a hardship fund to assist by supplying boots, trainers, shin pads and other equipment where required.

The couple and their daughter, Samantha were invited to a garden party at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, May 24 where they met the Queen and other winners of this year's awards.

The Skem Men-Aces will receive their Queen's Award from the Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire, Lord Shuttleworth on Monday, July 4 at 4pm at County Hall, Preston.

Queen's Award committee chair, former broadcast journalist Sir Martyn Lewis, said: "The judging panel for this year's awards were struck by the quality and breadth of all the successful groups.

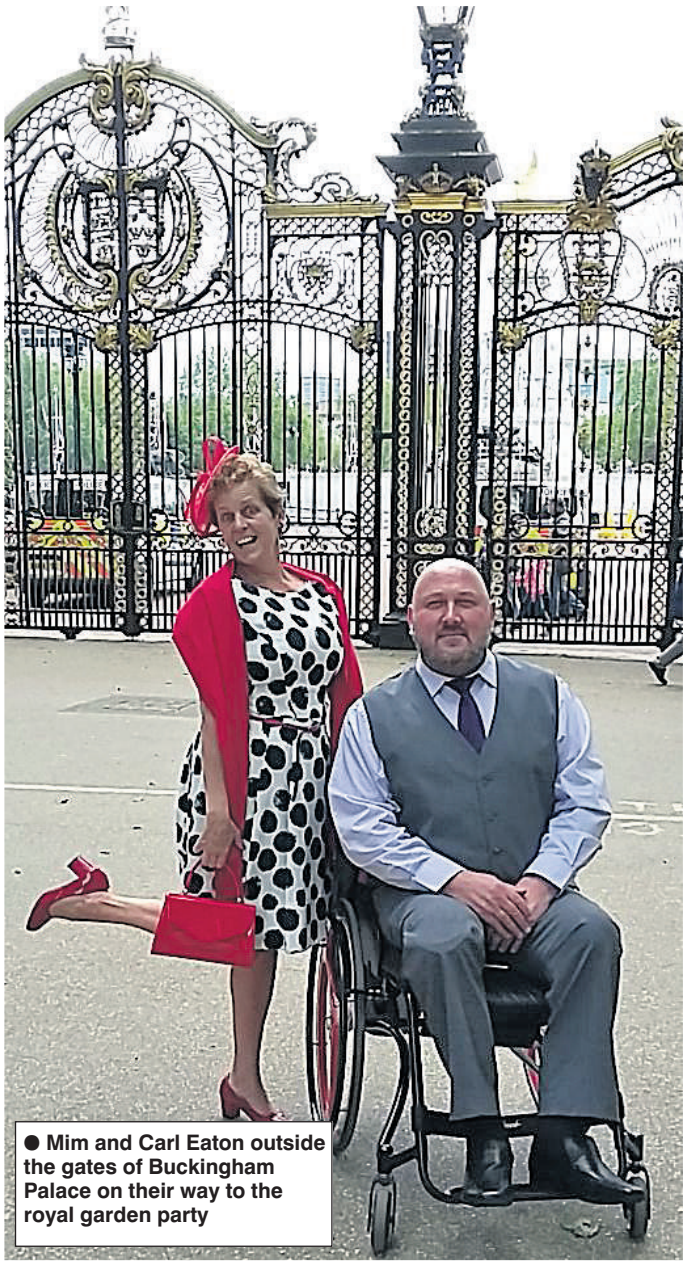
"The thousands of volunteers who give up spare time to help others in their community and to help solve problems demonstrate the very best of democracy in action."

Meanwhile, Men-Aces manager, Carl commented: "This accolade clearly demonstrates that through hard work, dedication and the will to succeed, dreams can come true.

"It is also a massive celebration for volunteers throughout the country who give up their valuable time to support their environment and the needs of individuals.

"I would like to take the opportunity to thank the coaching staff of the Skem Men-Aces for their continued dedication and commitment. This decoration is not only for those involved with the Men-Aces, but is also for the fabulous and amazing Skelmersdale community who through their continued support over the years we find ourselves where we are today.

"Finally my heartfelt thanks to each and every player of this mighty club for bringing so much joy and happiness, not just into my life, but into the lives of so many. Onwards and upwards for this unique and proud club."



● Mim and Carl Eaton outside the gates of Buckingham Palace on their way to the royal garden party

Photography club stages second exhibition at library

Eyecatching... one of club member Danny Jackson's photographs of Crosby beach

THE Beacon Photographic Club have launched their second exhibition at Up Holland Library.

Members of the club, which is based in Skelmersdale, are holding the three-week exhibition at the library in Hall Green until Monday, June 27.

Club secretary Danny Jackson said: "We are a small, friendly club. We started in 2014 and we are growing in strength and numbers. If you're new to photography or just want to meet new people with the same passion, then our club is for you."

For more information, search for Beacon Photographic Club on social media site Facebook or visit beaconphotographic.wix.com/club

Nursery plans submitted

DUCKLINGS Day Nurseries Ltd. has submitted an application to West Lancashire Borough Council to convert an existing office building Daniels Lane Centre Offices on Daniels Lane in Digmoor into a nursery.

Residents have until Friday, June 24 to submit their views on the proposals to the council.

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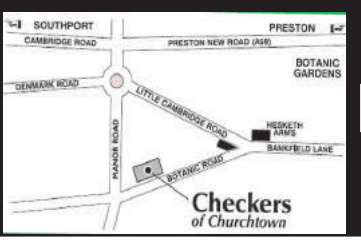

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New general manager takes charge at Birch Green

Phillippa McGrath,

EXPERIENCED care professional Phillippa McGrath has joined Skelmersdale's Birch Green Care Home as general manager.

Phillippa is a Registered General Nurse who has spent the last 17 years in senior management positions, working either as home manager or regional manager roles across the private sector.

Her last role was care quality manager for regional group Flightcare, which operates seven homes across the North West.

At Birch Green Phillippa will oversee the day-to-day running of the home, and will ensure that there are high standards of care across the service.

Phillippa said: "Since joining Birch Green I have enjoyed getting to know the staff, residents and their families here and I'm looking forward to leading the team as it continues to deliver the highest quality care.

"I have always believed that one of the keys to quality care is working with the residents and their families to deliver truly personal care, tailored to the individual and I want to make sure we are doing this in the best ways possible."

Birch Green cares for adults and older people with a range of needs including nursing, residential and respite care, specialist care for people with dementia and complex healthcare requirements.

Pals hit the road for Euro banger challenge in aid of local children's charity

Report by **Henry James**

FIVE intrepid pals from Skelmersdale hit the road in a special motoring challenge in aid of a local charity that is close to their hearts.

The group, led by Kevin Heggary of Graylaw Freight in Gillibrands Road, took part in the Monte Carlo or Bust Banger Driving Adventure to raise funds for Twinkle House which aims to make a difference to the lives of children and young people with disabilities and additional needs.

Teams in the challenge have to buy a car for £300 or less and hit Europe's roads and cities for three days to Monte Carlo.

Described as the ultimate European banger rally adventure, the three-day crusade takes crews and their bangers to some of Europe's most exciting locations on spectacular roads with backdrops of sun, sea, sand…and even snow!

But racing is off the cards as they concentrate on solving daily challenges, both on and off the road, competing for a variety of prizes and regrouping each evening at the Rally Rendezvous to relax, socialise and explore the local area.

Having bought their car themselves and kitted it out as a replica of the NASA Space Shuttle, Kev and his team set out from Namur in Belgium on Thursday, June 2 with the aim of arriving in Monte Carlo on Sunday, June 5.

The group also paid for their own ferry crossing and accommodation along the way and aim to donate all funds raised from sponsorship on their GoFundMe page to the charity.

The Graylaw Freight employees at Twinkle House before setting off to Monte Carlo.

They hope to raise £2,000 for Twinkle House to assist the charity, to which they all have connections, with the costs of providing its free one to one support sessions.

Local businesses, including Graylaw Freight, Menu Boy and Envision Media have also got involved supporting the challenge in various ways such as sponsoring livery on the vehicle, carrying out work for free or making significant donations.

To date the team have raised £1,040 and are seeking support from the local community to help them hit their target.

For more information go to www.gofundme.com/MC4TwinkleHouse.

Jill Boardman, chief executive of Twinkle House said: "We are so very proud and thankful to Kevin, Paul, Lee, Gary and Niks for taking on such a huge challenge, using their own funds and time to raise funds for Twinkle House, they are very brave and kind-hearted people.

"Thanks also for the local support they have received from family, friends, their employers and local businesses. We really appreciate all the hard work and effort made, so well done everyone."

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The grounds of the Lancashire Manor Hotel

Lancashire Manor awarded certificate of excellence by leading online review company

Report by **Henry James**

Recognition is based on 'consistently strong praise and ratings from travellers'

THE Best Western Lancashire Manor Hotel in Skelmersdale has been given a seal of approval by website review company TripAdvisor.

The hotel in Prescott Road, Pimbo has been awarded the company's Certificate of Excellence which is based on reviews submitted to its website by visitors.

Now in its sixth year, the achievement celebrates hospitality businesses that have earned great traveller reviews on TripAdvisor over the past year.

Certificate of Excellence recipients include accommodations, eateries and attractions located all over the world that have continually delivered a quality customer experience.

The Lancashire Manor Hotel underwent a £1.5m refurbishment in 2010, while 24 new bedrooms were added earlier this year to cope with demand.

Situated just off Junction 5 of the M58, the hotel features the Great Hall, which is popular for weddings, as well as a range of meeting rooms.

General manager, Steve Hopkins, said: "We are delighted to have received this award which is due to the quality of the hotel, our great staff and the many loyal customers, who we look forward to welcoming through the doors in the future."

The Certificate of Excellence is awarded based on reviews submitted by travellers on TripAdvisor over a 12-month period.

To qualify a business must maintain an overall TripAdvisor 'bubble' rating of at least four out of five, have a minimum number of reviews and must have been listed on TripAdvisor for at least 12 months.

Heather Leisman, vice-president of industry marketing at TripAdvisor, commented: "With the Certificate of Excellence, TripAdvisor honours hospitality businesses that have consistently received strong praise and ratings from travellers.

"This recognition helps travellers identify and book properties that regularly deliver great service. TripAdvisor is proud to play this integral role in helping travellers feel more confident in their booking decisions."

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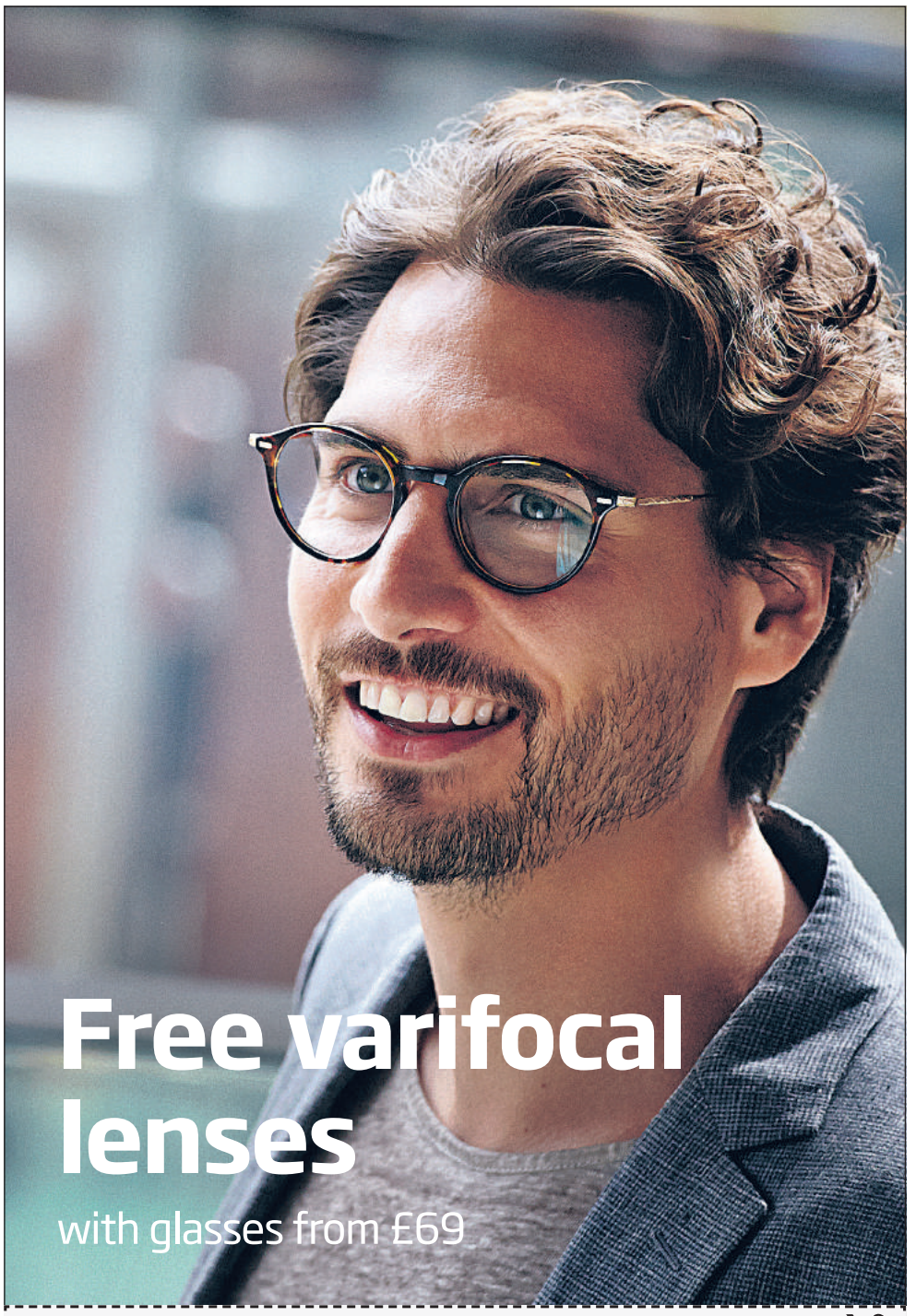

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The Sansiro team with their Don't X The Line award

Young footballers win national award for sportsmanship

SANSIRO Youth Football Club, who are based in Skelmersdale, have enjoyed a very successful season not only winning the league cup in the St Helens and Rainhill Junior Football League, but also being nominated and winning a national award for their behaviour.

The club has children from all over the area taking part in their teams, which play in various junior football leagues, including the Bootle Junior Football League and also the St Helens and Rainhill JFL.

Sansiro has been put forward by the Bootle JFL for the National campaign Don't X The Line award. The award is for representing outstanding behaviour in grassroots football for fair play, encouragement, and 'REFspect' on and off the field.

Brian Lynch from the club said: "This is a massive achievement and something the club is very proud of, not only to be nominated but to actually win the award within grassroots football is amazing.

"Sansiro is a growing club with six teams ranging from under-5s to under-9s with a view to forming many more.

"Sansiro has gained a great reputation for providing youngsters with quality football coaching and developing children in a fun environment."

GPs welcomed to NHS CCG board

Report by **Henry James**

Dr Rakesh Jaidka

Dr Vik Mittal

TWO local GPs, Dr Rakesh Jaidka and Dr Vik Mittal, have been welcomed to the board of the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

The pair have been appointed as GP executive leads following a recent election process involving local GP practices.

Dr Jaidka is currently a partner at Skelmersdale Family Practice and has been a GP in Skelmersdale since qualifying in 2011. He has a keen interest in minor surgery and sexual and reproductive health.

He said: "I'm delighted to have been appointed to the CCG executive board and thank all the local GPs for their support.

"I am looking forward to working with other colleagues from the region in representing the interests of our patients and population in general.

"I feel positive about using my local knowledge and skills to improve the quality of health care provision in West Lancashire."

Dr Mittal has worked in West Lancashire for more than 14 years and is currently a partner at Tarleton Group Practice. He has an interest in IT and musculoskeletal services.

He said: "My roots are well entrenched in West Lancashire. I have an understanding of the local issues which affect patients. My agenda is to improve health outcomes and quality of care for West Lancashire patients by overseeing wrapped-around patient care in various partnerships.

"I firmly believe in leading and managing improvement in healthcare systems is just as important as acting on behalf of the individual patient."

Dr John Caine, chair of NHS West Lancashire CCG, added: "We're delighted to welcome Rakesh and Vik to the board, both of whom bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to commissioning.

"By having local clinicians working alongside experienced commissioners, we achieve a strong blend of experience to help enhance the healthcare offering for our local community.

"Importantly, I would like to express thanks to the outgoing GP executive leads, Dr Simon Frampton and Dr Ros Bonsor, for their valuable contribution over the last few years as members of the board. They have made a huge contribution in helping to improve health services in West Lancashire."

The CCG has six local GPs on its board, alongside a chief officer, chief finance officer, chief nurse, secondary care doctor and two lay members.

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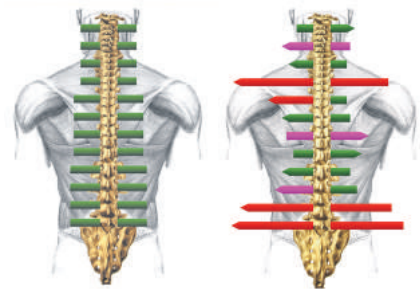

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Village road infrastructure not equipped to cope with growing volume of 21st-century traffic

WHAT is going on with the roads in Burscough? There has been a distinct increase in the volume of traffic, especially HGVs and dump trucks, recently.

Most of the roads in Burscough were laid out in the 18th and 19th centuries and are simply not suited or accommodating for 21st century traffic.

I'm sure any resident of Burscough has witnessed along some stretches of Square Lane, HGVs, buses and trucks having problems just passing each other and in some cases having to mount the pavements to pass each other.

HGV's and trucks also have problems with the mini roundabouts and railway bridges.

The state of the roads, their maintenance, and the quality of the pothole repairs and the debris left on pavements at the side on the road, is a separate matter, but as more development is planned for Burscough, how much can the road infrastructure take if it cannot be maintained now?

I would have thought a road as critical as the A59 to the region would be maintained better or at least there would be plans to alleviate the heavy commercial traffic.

As a parent with two small children who like cycling, the roads and pavements are unsuitable and unsafe. The short walk to school can turn into a perilous journey, you can wait five minutes just trying to cross Liverpool Road South at times.

Basically the roads in Burscough are not safe for the people of Burscough or visitors.

We all know that the businesses on the industrial estate and around the village are crucial but the volume of heavy traffic needs to be managed now.

What plans are in place to tackle the traffic volumes such as traffic-calming or diversions?

Phil Le Pinnet, Liverpool Road South, Burscough

Residents must take part in libraries consultation to ensure their value to the community is put on record

I AM writing in response to Sylvia Lambert's letter (May 25) regarding the future of the library service.

While agreeing entirely with her view of the importance of libraries, there are a couple of points I would like to add.

Firstly, to ask everyone to view the reductions in library services in the context of government cuts to council budgets.

The result is not just a competition for resources between different departments of the council, but the prospect of councils not being able to deliver the services they are legally obliged to provide.

Government are well aware of the effects their cuts will have. They do not want you to have services.

Secondly, in Burscough while the present library building, which is rented from the borough council, is on a list of buildings no longer needed, on another list it is indicated that The Grove will provide a 'satellite' library, the shape of which is yet to be decided.

So I think it is most important now that residents complete the consultation questionnaire regarding the use of buildings, to put on record what they value in the present library service for our community, as Sylvia Lambert did in her letter.

County Councillor Cynthia Dereli, Burscough

PICTURE of the week

Perfect weather, perfect space and enthusiastic music lovers added up to making the recent Skem Fest 2016 a reSOUNDing success. Picture by Martyn Snape.

I've got nothing but praise for our first-class hospital staff

WITH so much criticism of our NHS and having recently been a patient in four of our local hospitals I feel compelled to praise them,

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During this time I have received first-class medical care, kindness and courtesy,

When you are over 21, as I am, and a little bit scared and shaken, an outstretched hand or arm to lean on makes that extra-long corridor seem just a little bit safer.

My gratitude is beyond measure and I thank all the staff, doctors and nurses who looked after me.

Pearl Webster, Aughton

Hitting a child is never acceptable

I OBJECT to the recent column by Jim Sharpe (May 25) in which he condones the physical punishment of children.

The old adage 'it didn't do me any harm' rings through the article.

Sorry, Mr Sharpe, it has harmed you if years later you still believe hitting a child is appropriate behaviour for educating and teaching them.

When nothing else works condoning anyone to use physical violence, be it an 'occasional clip' or a 'good wallop' is not acceptable; the adult has failed.

I do not want to be part of a society where the law protects every human being from physical assault except children.

Stop using this paper to spread your vindictive and frequently judgmental opinions.

Carole Thompson, by email

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It's time to show our carers how much we appreciate them

CELEBRATE carers in your community.

There are 6.5 million people in the UK who care, unpaid, for a disabled, older or ill family member or friend.

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That's why, this Carers Week (June 6 -12) we are asking individuals and communities up and down the UK to do what they can to make life that little bit easier for carers.

Whoever you are, whatever you do, you can make a difference.

This year, we want to highlight the importance of Carer Friendly Communities – places where local people and services understand what it's like to be a carer and do what they can to make life a little bit easier for carers.

As such, we're asking people to visit the Carers Week website to recommend organisations, services and employers who are carer-friendly, and to invite other organisations to use our checklist to commit to becoming carer-friendly.

Let's make the most of Carers Week to show carers just how much we recognise and value the vital contribution they make to our families, communities and wider society.

Emily Holzhausen,Carers Week

Thanks to the lovely people who came to our aid after fall

I WOULD like, through the Champion, to thank the wonderful people who came to my help when I fainted while shopping in Ormskirk recently.

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Frank Higham, by email

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University aiming to raise awareness of Men's Health Week

Public invited to attend free performance combining comedy with practical advice

EDGE Hill University is aiming to raise awareness and support Men's Health Week June 13-19) 2016 by inviting members of the community to attend a fun and free performance by comedian John Ryan on Wednesday, June 15.

The comedian will present his hit audience-participation session Staying Alive, which combines comedy with practical advice in an effort to help reduce stigma by normalising mental health problems with the motto 'If you can make them laugh you can make them listen'.

This year's Men's Heath Week campaign will focus on asking men to discuss how they beat stress.

Ciaran Connolly, Edge Hill's staff wellbeing manager said that the university hopes the event will help to encourage men to discuss any mental or physical health issues that are concerning them.

He said : "The aim of Men's Health Week is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among males.

"With this in mind the umiversity's men's health and wellbeing advisory group have developed a programme of events themed around 'safe spaces', which aims to equip men with the confidence and knowledge to talk about their health and wellbeing more.

John Ryan

"We hope to encourage our male colleagues and those within the community to explore, reflect upon and identify spaces that are conducive to improving health and wellbeing, with a view to seeking these out more often."

According to the Men's Health Forum one man in five dies before the age of 65 in the UK. Compared to women, men have a 37% higher risk of dying from cancer, with middle-aged men twice as likely to develop diabetes.

Also, four in five suicides are by men, with suicide being the most common cause of death for men under 35.

John will present his Staying Alive session in the university's H3 lecture theatre on Wednesday, June 15 from noon to 1pm.

The event is free but reservations should be made on 01695650967 or 01695584825, or via email to ciaran.connolly@edgehill.ac.uk or Donsonp@edgehill.ac.uk.

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Entries invited for this year's West Lancs Open Exhibition

Cash prizes on offer for borough's talented artists in annual competition

ENTRIES are now being accepted for this year's Chapel Gallery West Lancashire Open Exhibition.

If you've got a talent for arts, now's your chance to display your work to a wider audience by taking part in the popular exhibition.

Amateur and professional artists alike are welcome to take part and there are some great prizes to be won.

The exhibition is open to all, so even if you've never exhibited in an art gallery before this is an excellent opportunity to get your work seen by the general public.

Entry forms are now available online at www.chapelgallery.org.uk or can be requested from the gallery by calling 01695 571328 or emailing chapel.gallery@westlancs.gov.uk. Alternatively, you can pop in to the gallery in St Helens Road, Ormskirk which is open from 10am to 4.30pm, Tuesday to Saturday.

If selected, your work will be exhibited at Ormskirk's prestigious gallery from July 16 to September 7.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "The Open Exhibition is a fantastic event every year and anyone can put their works forward. So if you are an artist get your entry form now for the chance to have your work in the exhibition."

Applicants must be 18 years old or over and can submit two original pieces of artwork to be viewed by the selection panel.

All media entered will be considered, from drawing, painting, printmaking and three-dimensional work to photography, sculpture and textiles. Submissions will be accepted on Friday and Saturday, July 1 and 2, between 10am and 4.30pm.

Although it is an annual exhibition, no two years are ever the same as a different panel of guest judges preside over each selection.

The first prize is £800, with a second prize of £400 and £200 for third place. Commendations are also awarded, along with the prestigious Peoples' Prize, voted by visitors to the gallery.

This year, there is a special prize of £150 for student artists. If you're over 18 and at college or university, then you are encouraged to enter.

Large-scale two-dimensional and three-dimensional works must be submitted by photograph only. The gallery should be in receipt of these submissions by Friday, July 1. They should also include a completed entry form and a first class stamp.

Parenting charity trio nominated for regional awards

THE Southport, Formby and Ormskirk branch of the National Childbirth Trust (NCT) are celebrating after three of their volunteers were nominated for regional awards.

The branch is run entirely by volunteers offering support to new and expectant parents through a range of events including their Friday Tums to Toddlers group, first aid courses and nearly new sales.

Katharine Barton, Karen Lawrenson and Catherine Bartlett from the team have all been nominated for an NCT Stars Award which recognise the hard work and dedication of NCT volunteers. The winners will be announced this Sunday (June 12) at Astley Hall, Chorley.

Winner Mark Ashworth with the Lancashire Amateur Championship trophy at Ormskirk Golf Club

Golf club praised for smooth running of county championship

OFFICIALS at Ormskirk Golf Club have hailed the recent Lancashire Amateur Championship held at the club as a great success.

A total of 120 of the county's very best amateur golfers took part in the tournament over three days at the Cranes Lane club.

Eventual winner was Mark Ashworth who romped home breaking the course record in the final round with a seven under par 63.

Mark, from Clitheroe Golf Club, birdied the first five holes of his final round to move into a lead which proved unassailable. Reece Cranfield from Wigan finished runner-up nine shots behind.

Lancashire players and officials were full of praise for the condition of the course. They also thanked the support from Ormskirk's members, whose volunteers ensured the smooth running of the championship.

Ormskirk now look forward to holding the Lancashire Professional Championship on September 19, the first time a club has held both championships in the same year.

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Coastal team to host special Moth night

A SPECIAL night in celebration of moths is set to take place this Friday evening in Ainsdale.

The team from the Sefton Coast Partnership will set up a moth trap at the Ainsdale Discovery Centre on Friday June 10 as part of National Moth Weekend which runs from June 9 to 11.

A special mercury vapour bulb will be used to humanly trap or attract an array of moths which are often seen around the Sefton coastline.

A spokesperson for the Sefton Coastal Partnership said: "We love our moths on the Sefton coast - and the dune landscape is home to some of the most interesting species in the UK.

"To celebrate National Moth Night (June 9-11) we'll be trapping using a mercury vapour bulb at Ainsdale Discovery Centre (PR8 2QB) this Friday evening, weather permitting.

"Why not pop by and see how we're doing? We'll be running the trap from 9pm onwards.

"If you do call by, please bring sunglasses - the bulb is very bright, so it is essential to bring protection for your eyes.

"The next morning we'll be sorting through the catch and identifying species between 10am and noon, again at Ainsdale Discovery Centre, before the moths are safely "roosted" in a darkened room for the day before release again at night.

"Organised by conservation organisations Atropos and Butterfly Conservation, Moth Night is the annual celebration of moth recording throughout Britain and Ireland.

"The main theme for Moth Night 2016 is Hawk-moths.

"These larger, spectacular moths are well-represented on the Sefton coast, and if we're lucky we may catch one on Friday.

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Freya is set for the bright lights of Hollywoof!

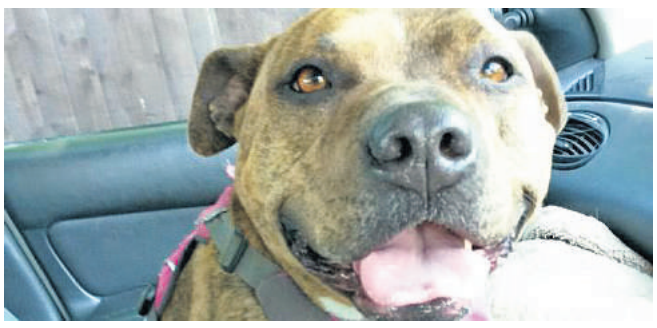
AFTER 18,000 rejections, an entire life in a rescue centre and then winning the hearts of millions of animal lovers across the world, Britain's loneliest dog, Formby hound, Freya, could finally have a new role in Hollywood!

In an incredible turn of events, the epileptic Staffordshire bull terrier has managed to land herself a part in the fifth instalment of the Transformers movie after director Michael Bay read about her plight.

Freya who needs constant medical attention, has been rejected thousands upon thousands of times from prospective owners while being housed at Freshfields Animal Rescue centre but after being featured on Good Morning Britain and her story reaching as far as India and New York, the loveable pooch is now hoping she will finally find a place she can call her home.

Meanwhile, during the search for a new home, Freya will star in the new film when production gets underway in the UK later this year thanks to Michael Bay.

The dog-mad director has even promised to adopt Freya if she cannot find a new home by the time filming is over.



Freya - Hollywood beckons!

Bay lives in Los Angeles and already owns two bull mastiff dogs, who he has named Bonecrusher and Grac.

Champion Reporter Ollie Cowan met with Freya and her carers at a recent visit to Freshfields, based on East Lane, and witnessed first hand the docile and loving nature that she portrayed.

However despite her affectionate ways, Freya, who suffers from severe epilepsy, needs constant medication to treat her condition.

She arrived at Freshfields as a six week old puppy in 2010 and has since spent nearly all her life at the centre, with staff at the centre estimating that Freya has been rejected an astonishing 18,000 times.

A spokesperson for Freshfields told the Champion this week: "Freshfields is delighted to announce that Freya, 'Britain's loneliest dog' has been cast in the forthcoming Michael Bay movie 'Transformers 5'!

"We have had a fantastic response to our appeal for a new home for Freya, with lots of interest shown from around the world as well as closer to home in the UK.

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Members of the Northern Kite Group at their ninth annual festival held at Beacon Park, Up Holland in 2014

Great free events in store in borough's parks and countryside

WITH temperatures rising and summer on the way council chiefs are reminding residents of West Lancashire that now is a great time to visit the borough's parks and countryside with some great free events lined up for June.

Richmond Park in Burscough will host a fun day on Sunday, June 12 between midday and 5pm.

Supported by the Friends of Richmond Park, this promises to be a day with activities for all the family to enjoy.

There will be a funfair, bouncy castle and fun dog show, as well as 'have-a-go' sessions for tennis and bowling, plus a 5-a-side football competition.

Refreshment stalls will be available and the day will also feature singers, dancers and bands, all celebrating our community and its diversity.

The annual kite flying weekend at Beacon Country Park is always great fun and this year's colourful displays by the Northern Kite Group are set for Sunday, June 19 between 11am and 4pm.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "Don't miss these fantastic events which will be great fun for all the family."

People are advised to wear suitable footwear and clothing for the weather, ground conditions and activity at all parks events.

For more information about the borough's parks and countryside sites or any of the events organised by the council's Parks and Countryside Ranger service visit www.west-lancs.gov.uk/countryside

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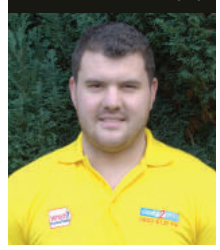

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Two scoop lottery prize

TWO players of the People's Postcode Lottery from Ormskirk scooped £1,000 each in the draw on Thursday, June 2.

There are guaranteed winners every day and for the daily prize five winning postcodes are announced each day from Monday to Friday each winning £1,000.

A minimum of 30% goes directly to charities and players have raised £118.8 million to date for good causes.

Cheers! Mayor to open beer festival

THE annual Tarleton Beer Festival at Tarleton Bowling Club will be officially opened at 3pm on Friday, June 10 by the Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Liz Savage.

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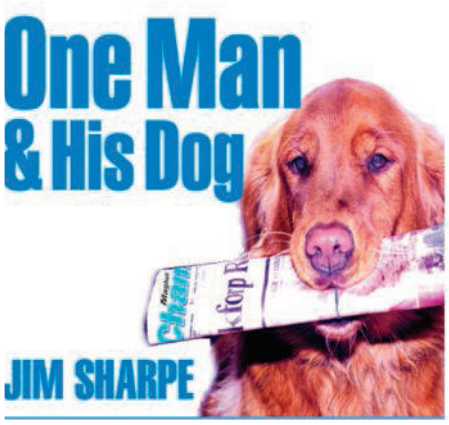

'New' Top Gear on course to hit the skids...

I SUPPOSE I ought to be grateful when something I have long been dreading turns out to be every bit as awful as I had feared. But I am not.

Last Sunday's much-heralded première of the revamped BBC Top Gear was dire, to put it mildly. They even had the cheek to use the original opening music to the show. Yes, I know that of course they had every right, but as a precursor to just about everything else in 'new' Top Gear it gave a clear indication of exactly what to expect.

I have nothing against Chris Evans in another guise, but galumphing and gurning around with Matt Le Blanc (whoever he his, apart from being very well off and owning a fleet of cars) churning out practiced lines which failed to be funny (because they were so obviously rehearsed) reminded me of children's TV at its worst.

And it got worse. They managed to wheel out good old Eddie Jordan, while a couple of motoring journalists and German racing driver Sabine Schmitz, who I fondly remember for whopping poor old Jeremy Clarkson round the Neubergring, were thrown into the mix for good luck.

At one point I thought the Beeb were trying to combine the style of ITV4's Fifth Gear but no, somehow their expertise wasn't on show either.

And then there was the long-suffering Top Gear audience. Not content with cutting off the supporters' free tea and coffee, 'new' Top Gear gives them a new-look hangar home – except that where in the past, the odd blooper from Jeremy, James May or Richard Hammond (or even the audience itself) was all part and parcel of the fun, now it has quite obviously been edited, with several no doubt boring 'takes' for the aficionados to endure.

Which might explain why there were apparently so many fewer than in the past.

Let's face it, like him or loathe him, Top Gear's resounding success was largely down to oaf Clarkson (who often had no conception he had caused offence) and his genuine rapport with his two sidekicks (who obviously get along extremely well both on and off screen).

The three stooges (plus their trusty Stig) behaved just like three unruly lads on a day out - because that's what they were and what they were doing.

As an aside, I wonder who has the original Stig anyway? I seem to remember that at one time the Stig (a tame racing driver who tests cars for the boys) had some kind of falling out with Jeremy, so perhaps he has stayed put and Clarkson and his chums must have found a new Stig for their new 'Top Gear' on whatever channel it is to appear.

Chris, Le Blanc et al can try their very best to be good old pals of long-standing, but they aren't and won't be. They do seem rather too good at throwing up though, let's hope that isn't going to become a regular feature too.

And what on earth was the purpose of Chris and Matt's little trip to Blackpool in a pair of clapped out three-wheelers? One of them did the journey on the back of a low-loader; the other didn't even manage to turn turtle once!

Of course I'll give this (probably already doomed) programme another go on Sunday, but I hold out little hope of it getting any better.

For me all the fun has gone out of available motor shows on TV now, so I'll stick to Fifth Gear for a little factual content and some genuine reminiscences of the old days of motoring. One suggestion for Channel Four though - why not have a re-launch with a re-booted name, Sixth Gear or Multi Gear, perhaps?

And I will make one prediction for the future. At one time it was virtually impossible to switch on the telly and not be able to find an old edition of Top Gear on somewhere. I'll guarantee that won't happen with the new show.

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Volunteers' 'vital' role in supporting police

POLICE chiefs at Lancashire Constabulary have marked National Volunteers' Week (June 1-12) by paying tribute to the contributions made by volunteers to the policing of the county.

Through its Citizen in Policing programme, Lancashire Police currently has more than 2,000 volunteers working across a range of positions, either in the local community, in the stations or at headquarters.

Their roles include providing mentoring support to vulnerable adults, cadet leaders, restorative justice facilitators, special constables, community road watch, force chaplains and getting involved with specific departments such as CSI and Early Action.

Assistant chief constable, Mark Bates said: "Volunteers are a vital and integral part of our organisation. Not only do we have the special constables and cadets, but our volunteers provide their specialist skills in areas such as the elderly and vulnerable.

"The benefits to us using volunteers are three-fold - we can build and increase capacity and resilience through volunteers; build volunteering links within specialist departments and the use of specialist volunteers; and add value to the communities."

And Clive Grunshaw, Lancashire's police and crime commissioner, added: "We are lucky to have so many committed volunteers in Lancashire who give up their time to give back to the community and support the police.

"I am proud of the work of all our volunteers – from the growing special constabulary, supporting regular police officers on the frontline, to independent custody visitors who check on the condition of people in custody – and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their efforts.

"As well as providing vital support and skills, many volunteers also find it highly rewarding and a way to gain new skills, which is why I am committed to increasing the number of volunteers supporting Lancashire Police."

Book-loving siblings strike gold on county reading trail

SIBLINGS Ella and Finlay Currie are the latest members of Burscough library to succesfully complete the Lancashire Reading trail.

Eleven-year-old Ella and her seven-year-old brother both received their gold awards for reading and reviewing 50 books.

Anyone wishing to take part in the Lancashire Reading Trail should ask at their local library.

Finlay and Ella Currie with their gold awards for completing the Lancashire Reading Trail

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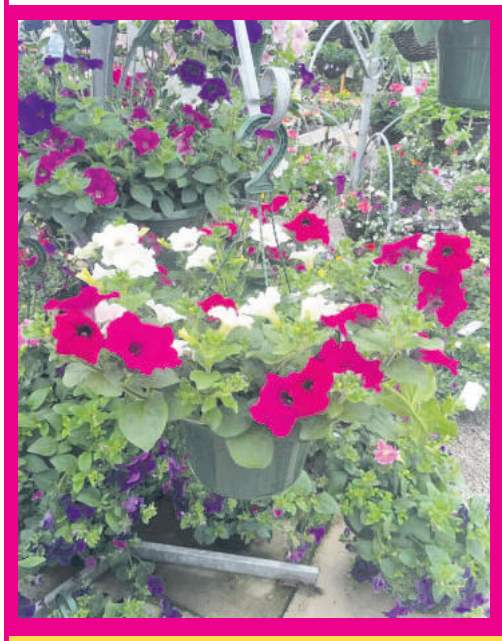

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Online help available for mental heath issues

RESIDENTS in Lancashire who are experiencing common mental health problems can self-refer to their local Mindsmatter service using an online form for easy access to help and support.

Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's Mindsmatter service provides talking therapies for adults aged 16 years and over experiencing mild to moderate mental health problems, such as stress, depression and anxiety.

The service offers a range of therapies including stress control workshops, cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) and counselling, as well as online CBT from SilverCloud.

People can access the team by visiting their GP or self-referring into the service which can be done by post, telephone and also online.

Phil Gooden, Mindsmatter service manager at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "Around one in four of us will experience some form of mental health problem during our lives, so it is important people are aware of the support available to them, and that this support is accessed as soon as possible.

"We are aware that stigma surrounding mental health can result in people trying to avoid seeking help for many reasons; however we want to make access as easy as possible.

"We are pleased to be able to offer an online self-referral form for people who are experiencing mild to moderate mental health problems. The form provides a quick and easy process which people can access from the comfort of their own home and refer themselves directly to our team.

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Care homes project wins health group second successive shortlisting for national award

FOR the second year in a row, Healthwatch Lancashire has been shortlisted for a national award by Healthwatch England in recognition of a programme of work across the county focusing on care homes and for building on their relationship with the Care Quality Commission.

The group have been shortlisted for the 'Working with the CQC' award after carrying out a total of 29 Enter and View visits in care homes between September 2015 and March this year. The visits have supported service improvement, the sharing of intelligence and developed a working relationship with local CQC inspection managers.

Healthwatch Lancashire developed a clear key message which supported their innovative programme of 'Enter & View' visits which was that they are a 'mum's test'. They gather views of residents, relatives and staff to provide an answer to the question: 'Would you want your loved ones to be cared for in this home?'

Local Care Quality Commission inspection managers commended this approach and stated that the reports add value to their local inspections.

Healthwatch Lancashire's chief officer, Sheralee Turner-Birchall, said; "We are delighted that this programme of work has been recognised on a national level by Healthwatch England. The main priority for the programme was to support improvements across Lancashire's care home sector and to improve the lives for people in Lancashire."

And Jane Mordue, interim chair of Healthwatch England, added: "We were really impressed with this year's awards entrants. The wide range of submissions, and the strength of those shortlisted, is testament to how the Healthwatch network is using people's voices to make a difference to health and social care services."

Sheralee Turner-Birchall

The winners of the Healthwatch Network Awards will be chosen by judges and announced on Thursday (June 9) at the annual conference which is being held in Nottingham.

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Jospice to stage river remembrance event

A RIVER sail has been organised by Jospice for people wanting to remember loved ones who have passed away.

The Reflections on the River event will take place on the River Mersey in July and families across Liverpool, Sefton and West Lancashire are invited. During the journey, families will take time out to remember their loved ones and scatter rose petals into the water.

All proceeds will go to support the Thornton-based hospice which provides specialist end-of-life care to more than 200 patients from Liverpool, Sefton and West Lancashire every year.

Mike Parr, chief executive of Jospice, said: "This is a wonderful way for families to enjoy a summers evening cruise as they reflect and remember their loved ones.

"As well as providing specialist nursing care for our patients, we also look after their emotional, spiritual and social needs. This extends to carers and family members, during both illness and bereavement."

Reflections on the River will take place on Sunday, July 17, in partnership with the St Helens-based Willowbrook Hospice, departing from Liverpool ferry terminal at 7pm.

To book call 0151 932 6046/6035 or email community.fundraisers@jospice.org.uk.

Give tobacco the boot - call

TO coincide with the recently held World No Tobacco Day, people who smoke, vape or chew across Lancashire are being called on to kick the habit and live healthier lifestyles.

World No Tobacco Day, organised by the World Health Organisation (WHO), is an annual event held on May 31 and focuses on a different topic each year.

The theme of this year's event was encouraging countries to ensure tobacco products are packaged in plain packaging. Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's Quit Squad, funded by Lancashire County Council, has also been supporting the campaign by highlighting the harms of tobacco throughout the county.

According to the WHO, plain packaging can save lives and protect public health. This includes bans on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship, and introducing other packaging and labelling measures such as large graphic health warnings.

Julie Trezise, Quit Squad manager at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "Every six seconds someone will die from tobacco-related illnesses. World No Tobacco Day is a good way to raise awareness of health risks and other issues associated with smoking.

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"Previous years have focused on issues such as smoke-free homes, the dangers of second-hand smoke and more taxes on tobacco products. Smoking causes a huge financial burden for people, for someone who smokes 20 cigarettes a day this can cost over £2,000 a year.

"As well as the financial burden, there are several health risks associated with smoking including stroke, heart disease and cancer so there are numerous benefits to stopping smoking.

"Accessing stop smoking services means you are four times more likely to quit for good than going it alone. The Quit Squad provides you with access to a variety of information and friendly support in a variety of settings including drop-in clinics or one to one sessions."

In addition to drop-in clinics (for which no appointments are required) and one-to-one sessions, group sessions are also available. The Quit Squad also operates in Central, North, East and West Lancashire. For further details speak to your local service by ringing Freephone 0800 3286297, visiting www.quitsquad.nhs.uk, or following the Quit Squad on Twitter @LancashireCare #QuitSquad.

Mayor to join in school's royal celebrations

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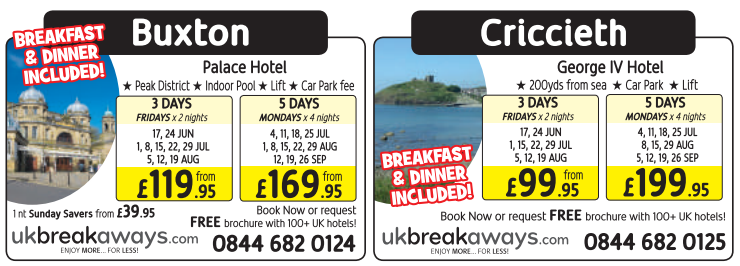
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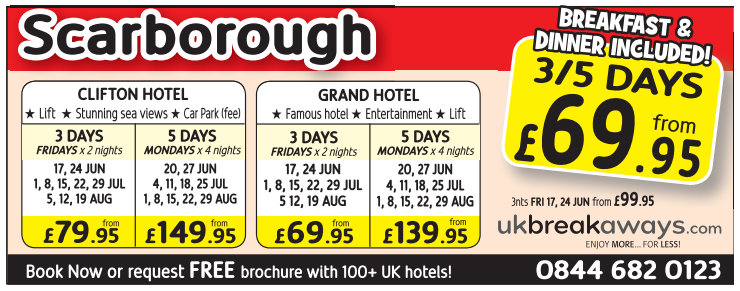
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The popular event sees keen gardeners opening their gardens up to the public for a small fee with proceeds being donated to nursing, caring and garden-based charities.

In the last 10 years alone the scheme has raised more than £22 million nationally.

On Sunday, June 12 Peter and Sandra Curl will open their garden at 79 Crabtree Lane, Burscough to the public for the 13th time.

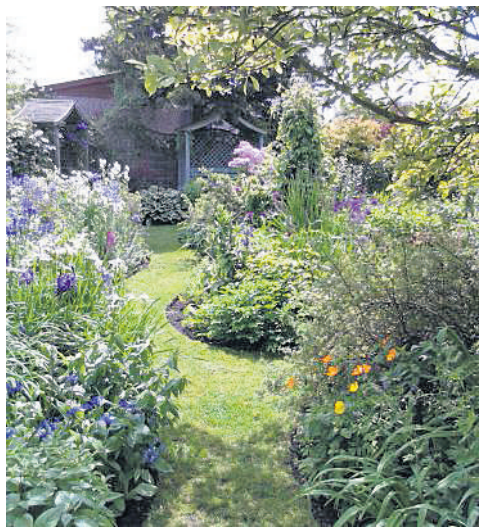
Meanwhile, Jacky Soper's garden at 90 Brick Kiln Lane, Rufford will feature in the scheme for the first time.

Peter Curl said: "This is our 13th year displaying our garden but unfortunately due to the Boxing Day floods we will not be joined by our neighbours Pru and Barry Cooper at number 81. Last year we had more than 600 visitors and raised £4,000 for the NGS, Burscough Methodist Church and Woodlands Animal Sanctuary, who provided refreshments."

Number 79 Crabtree Lane is a three-quarter acre garden consisting of many individual areas for herbaceous plants, roses, gravel garden, shrubs, late summer hot bed, rockery, hosta and fern walk, alpines, woodland plants and two ponds.

The roses – hybrid T roses, climbers and ramblers - will be coming into full bloom and the herbaceous perennials are just starting to give a mass of colour which will now last through to July.

Plants are on sale many of which have come from the garden and can be seen growing. Most of the garden is accessible to wheelchairs.



Peter and Sandra Curl's Crabtree Lane garden will be open for viewings

Number 90 Brick Kiln Lane is a small cottage garden with a variety of different garden rooms packed full of interesting perennials, shrubs climbers and alpines with a cobbled courtyard.

Both gardens will be open from 11am to 4pm on June 12, while Crabtree Lane will also be open the same hours on Sunday, July 3. Entry costs £3.50 for Crabtree Lane and £3 for Brick Kiln Lane.

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Health trust appoints new chair

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He brings with him a wealth of experience, having worked at board level in the NHS as non-executive director and chair for more than 20 years. David replaces Derek Brown whose term finished at the end of May.

Heather Tierney-Moore, chief executive at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, commented: "We're absolutely delighted to have David on board and look forward to working closely with him to achieve our ambitious goals over the next few years. David's experience will add another dimension to the board of directors and we're looking forward to his perspective when it comes to improving services for the people we serve.

"On behalf of the organisation I'd like to acknowledge the contribution that Derek Brown has made as our current Chair over the years and we wish him well for the future."

David Eva said: "I am really looking forward to joining Lancashire Care and I feel very lucky to have been selected to be chair. This is a period of huge change and uncertainty for the NHS and I know that the values and teamwork I have seen so far at Lancashire Care will be a huge advantage in facing these challenges."

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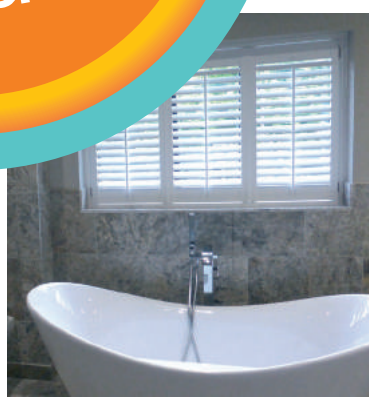

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TO celebrate Volunteers Week 2016, Healthwatch Lancashire's volunteers have been sharing why they enjoy dedicating their time to the organisation.

Healthwatch Lancashire has an active group of more than 40 local, experienced and skilled volunteers who help the organisation to be a public voice for health and social care in the county.

In the past 12 months volunteers have helped Healthwatch Lancashire listen to the experiences, views and stories of more than 6,000 people. Here is what volunteers said when they were asked why they enjoy volunteering for Healthwatch Lancashire:

"It is a professional organisation, well run, where my input is valued. I've been made to feel very welcome and a real part of the team. It is good that I can choose which activities to take part in so I can fit it around what else I am doing. Thank you to Healthwatch Lancashire."

"I work with a great team of both paid staff and volunteers. Everyone is very friendly and approachable. I have visited some very interesting health and social care establishments. I love meeting some of the service users, it reminds you of the importance of listening to those who use services."

"I get a chance to pass on the patients' views in a structured way and I feel people have a chance to be listened to."

"The engagement activities are varied and worthwhile. I make a flexible commitment doing as much or as little as I want and always feel my time volunteering is appreciated by Healthwatch Lancashire."

Healthwatch volunteers

"I feel I am contributing to the 'larger picture' and helping make improvements to services. I am supported throughout by Healthwatch Lancashire and my opinions are valued."

Healthwatch Lancashire is looking for more volunteers who are willing to listen to people's views about health and social care in Lancashire. Anyone interested can get in touch by calling 01524 239100 or email volunteering@healthwatchlancashire.co.uk.

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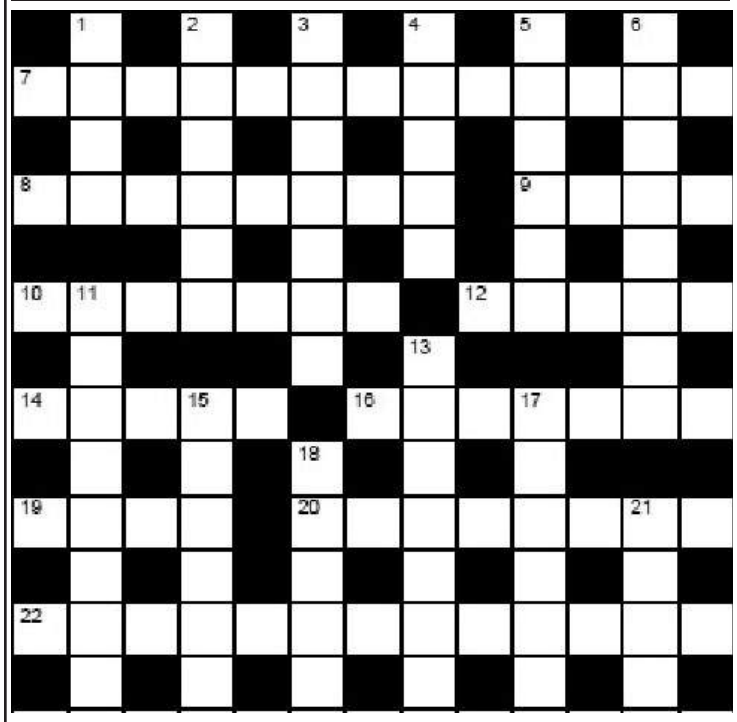

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7 Sicily. 8 Icecap. 9 Loch. 10 Inedible. 11 Endways. 13 Short. 15 Crate. 16 Disband. 18 Madhouse. 19 Atom. 21 Always. 22 Doodle.

Down: 1 Biro. 2 Night watchman. 3 WYSIWYG. 4 Liner. 5 Belisha Beacon. 6 Cauldron. 12 Normally. 14 Limeade. 17 Fussy. 20 Ogle.

ACROSS

7 Emphasis on maximizing profit (13)
8 Increase rapidly (8)
9 Beloved (4)
10 Composite picture formed by putting together different images (7)
12 Course of a celestial object or craft around a star or planet (5)
14 Go for and bring back (5)
16 In need of a drink (7)
19 Type of ballistic missile developed by the former Soviet Union (4)
20 Giving way under pressure (8)
22 Tube-like structure that connects a foetus to the mother's placenta (9,4)

DOWN

1 Betters, outdoes (4)
2 Convey (6)
3 Organise (7)
4 Pin or bolt used to hold together metal plates (5)
5 Light aircraft designed to fly without using an engine (6)
6 Writer of short literary compositions (8)
11 Conquer (8)
13 Big cat, world's fastest land animal (7)
15 Professional golfer's assistant (6)
17 Make smaller (6)
18 Someone who is critical of others' motives (5)
21 Usual, typical (4)

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Community choir aiming to hit high notes at the double for local care homes

The ReSound Community Choir

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The concerts start at 1pm and 3.30pm with an Olympic theme and have been funded by the Awards for All Lottery Fund.

ReSound Community Choir are a group of singers from all over the North West of England formed to provide an opportunity to meet and sing together.

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Commissioner praises work to tackle modern slavery and human trafficking in county

LANCASHIRE'S police and crime commissioner Clive Grunshaw joined officers working to tackle modern slavery and human trafficking in the county.

Mr Grunshaw, who has funded an additional two roles in Lancashire to help address this growing issue, went to see the work being done as part of modern slavery week.

The team, based at Burnley police station, has launched a series of complex investigations since it was set up in February – including the deportation of two Romanian nationals arrested in Blackburn suspected of trafficking women into the UK for prostitution.

Mr Grunshaw said: "I was very impressed with the progress made to tackle modern slavery and human trafficking, which is an area of growing demand for police.

"These are complex problems and that is why I have provided funding to help improve our understanding of the situation in Lancashire and take the necessary action to protect the vulnerable victims we know are out there.

"The fact that, in just a few months, this team has already taken several people out of harm's way shows just how vital this work is."

Work with the force includes organising training for police and partner agencies, including Lancashire Fire and Rescue, the NHS and social services, to help raise awareness and understand the signs to look out for. The training sessions, provided by national charity Hope for Justice, have been attended by 250 people.

Feedback from the sessions, which teach people to spot the warning signs, has been overwhelmingly positive with attendees saying they now have a better understanding of the issues and how to respond to them.

As part of modern slavery week, officers across Lancashire are visiting various premises where labour exploitation can often occur, to raise awareness of the issue.

Commissioner Clive Grunshaw pictured with DS Tony Atkins

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Lathom Park Trust chairman Paul Kenyon presents the donation to Elizabeth Hayton from Lathom Park, with committee members of the Lathom Women's Institute

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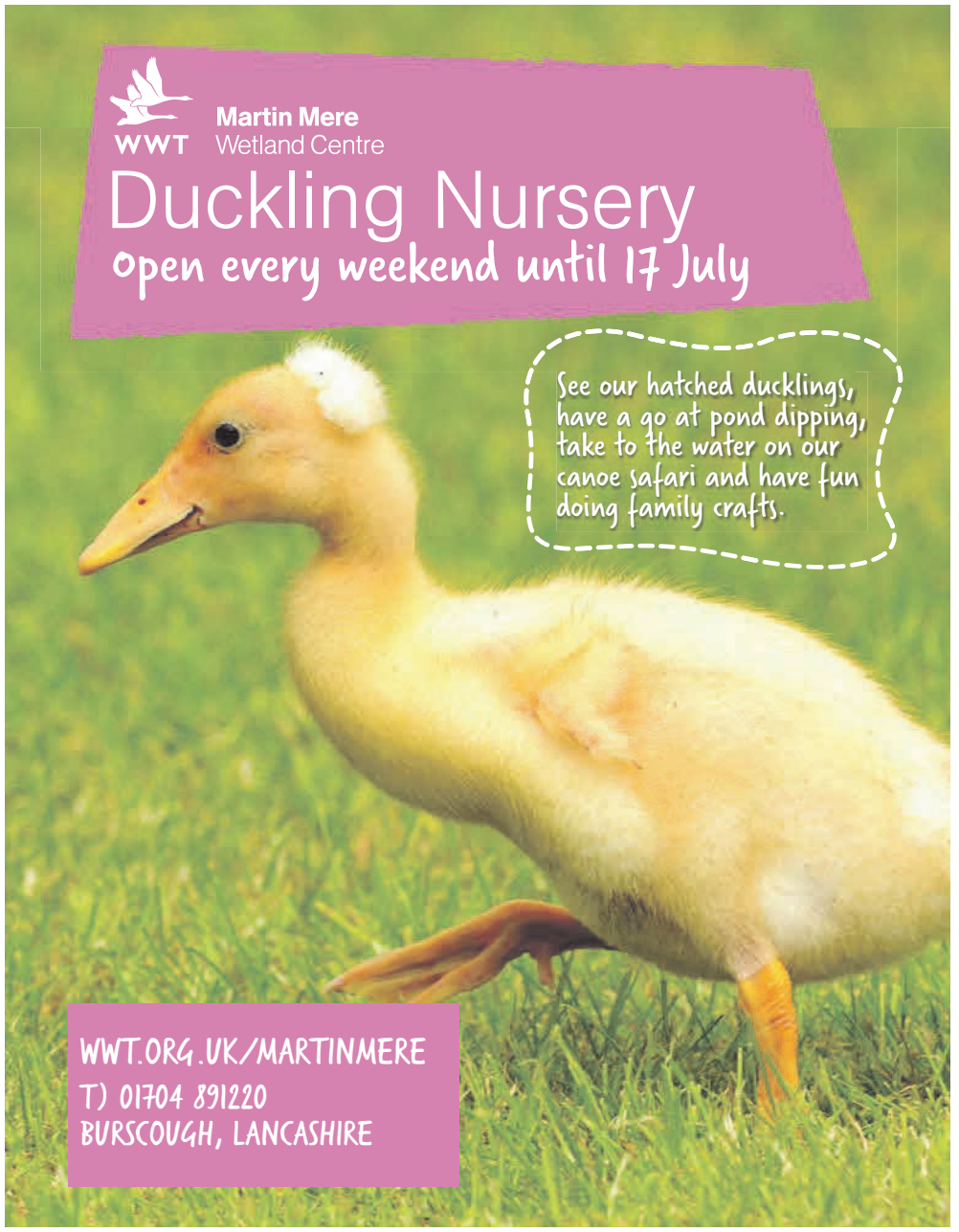
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Rat Pack show to swing into Southport

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This stage show brings memories of three performers - Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr - in a production that has enjoyed theatrical success all over the world.

Now in its 15th year, the show goes from strength to strength, receiving critical acclaim for the live musical and vocal performances.

The show will take place on Saturday June 11.

With an abundance of class and style, The Rat Pack takes people on a trip back in time to vintage Las Vegas.

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Bette on this Joan and Davis play to be a hit

Review by **Ron Ellis**

Jan Hale and Samanatha Roberts as Joan and Bette. Photo copyright Fletcher-Hill Photography.

THE EVENING opened with a televised showing of the trailer for the classic 1962 sadistic black comedy film 'Whatever Happened to Baby Jane' which brought Bette Davis and Joan Crawford together in the twilight of their careers.

The women had been two of the biggest stars in the Golden Years of Hollywood, constant rivals who loathed each other with a vengeance.

Their private lives had been a disaster, abandoned by their fathers, a catalogue of discarded husbands and a fierce hatred of each other, all bourne out of jealously. Anton Burge captures this with his camp and bitchy dialogue.

The production being held in the Little Theatre bar, the play was performed in the round. The setting was backstage at the filming of 'Baby Jane' with a clever set featuring mirror-image dressing rooms back to back in the centre of the floor, Joan Crawford's section accommodating a wheelchair as she was playing the paraplegic sister in the film.

Samantha Roberts took the role of Davis, who regarded herself as an actress and was scathing about Crawford, played by Jan Hale, whom she dismissed as a mere film star 'who had slept with everyone at MGM except Lassie'.

She even tied weights round her body when Davis had to lift her in one scene in the film because she knew Davis had recently broken her back.

It was back to the television screens for the opening of the second half with more clips from the 'Baby Jane' film and then we returned to the endless bickering, always very funny and with some great one-liners. One felt it was leading up to a dramatic climax but none came. Rather like a boxing contest where, after fifteen bloodthirsty rounds, the big knockout never arrives, it all ends in a tame draw, neither fighter gets knocked out and the crowd just slip quietly home feeling vaguely disappointed.

Having said that, under Celia Timmington's expert direction, this was a tour de force performance by the two actresses who kept up a continuous dialogue for the whole play whilst dressing, undressing, hairdressing, fighting, applying their make-up, and making frantic telephone calls to their agents and management complaining about each other, without once missing a line.

You couldn't ask for more than that.

Star Rating: 7 out of 10. Great production but no climax.

MAD group to perform Russell classic

MAWDSLEY Amateur Dramatics Society is performing the classic Willy Russell play, 'Breezeblock Park', which tells the story of a Liverpool family together on Christmas Eve in 1975 on a Liverpool council estate.

However, beneath the surface of their Christmas cheer are jealousies, quarrels as well as a secret. As the alcohol begins to flow, tongues loosen and a certain piece of news threatens to tear the family apart.

Regarded as Russell's 'laugh-out-loud funniest' work, the play is set before the invention of political correctness: when bell-bottoms were in and bras were out; when Liverpool won things; when you could innocently believe you'd been given a drinks mixer as a Christmas present... (It's worth the ticket money just to find out what that means)!

Director Hilda McAughey says: " The play is full of colourful characters and witty one-liners."

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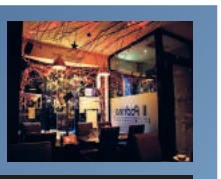

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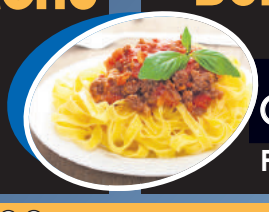

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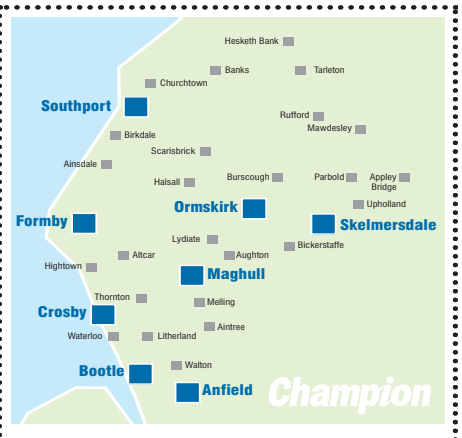

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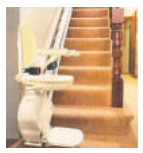

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TRAVERSE MARGARET

Gerald, Mavis, James and family wish to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy, sympathy cards and donations for Air Ambulance received during their recent sad loss of Margaret.
Special thanks to Reverend Graham Milford for his kind ministrations and to Margaret Whitelam of Skelmersdale Funeral Service for the dignified funeral arrangements.

DEATHS

LLOYD DAVID RICHARD

3rd June 2016
Peacefully in hospital aged 51 years
of Westhead

The dearly loved Son of Joan and Edward Tegfryn, loving Brother of Jayne and Peter and a much loved Uncle to all his Nieces and Nephews.
All enquiries to H. Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors or Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick.
Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

SANKEY MAUREEN

26th May 2016
Peacefully at home
Aged 87 years

Dear Wife of the late Jack, loving Mother of Paul and Nigel, Mother in law of Julie and Sharon, loving Grandmother to all her Grandchildren.
Maureen will be greatly missed by all.
Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 13th June at 10:40am.
Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Alzheimer's Research UK. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW.
Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

GRICE JOANNE

2nd June 2016
Passed away at the Walton Centre Fazakerley
aged 45 years

Loving Daughter of Anne and Leslie.
Much loved Sister to Daniel and Sister-in-law to Nikki.
Devoted Aunt to Thomas, Mia and Nathan. She will be very much missed by all who knew her.
Funeral service to be held at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 16th June 2016 at 1.20pm.
Family flowers only.
Donations if so desired to NHS Foundation Trust.
All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk, L39 2EY
Tel: 01695 572997

DEATHS

TAYLOR (MOORE) ANN

11-11-37 - 30-05-2016
Funeral Wednesday 8th June @ St. Francis Of Assisi, 10 am

Your Life was a Blessing, Your Memory a treasure, You are loved beyond words, and missed beyond measure. Beloved Daughter Mary, Son in Law Bryan & Grandsons Crawford & Oscar

DEATHS

GRIFFITHS GRIFFITH RICHARD

22nd May 2016

Funeral will take place at 2.30pm on Monday 13th June at Saint Helens Crematoriam. Followed by the wake at Skelmersdale cricket club.
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DEATHS

WILLIAMS MARGARET MARY

2nd June 2016
Peacefully in hospital aged 81 years
of Skelmersdale

The dearly loved Wife of the late John, loving Mum of David, dear Mother-in-law of Judith and devoted Grandma of Laura and Helen and Great Grandma of Jonah.
All enquiries to H. Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick.
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DEATHS

ROWE BRIAN

29th May 2016
Aged 81 years

Dearly loved Husband of the late Hilary, loving Dad of Robert and Jeanette, Father-in-law to Vicky and Doug, devoted Grandfather to Emily, James and Charlotte, Uncle to Janis and Brian. Service at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 14th June at 12:40 pm.
Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for The National Autistic Society. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW.
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DEATHS

CRAWFORD JOSEPH JOHN

27th May 2016, passed away peacefully aged 83 years, of Rufford

Loving Husband of Ruth. Much loved Dad of Martin and Ross. Dearly loved Grandad of Daniel and Rosie. Funeral Service at St John's R.C. Church, Chapel Lane, Burscough on Thursday 9th June at 12.30pm followed by a private cremation service. Family flowers only by request.
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(Make Request).

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Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

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DEATHS

O'BYRNE RONALD MARTIN

29th May 2016
Aged 65 years
Peacefully at home

Beloved Dad of Mel and Tony, Father-in-law to Richard, much loved Grandad to Emma, Ellie and Jessica.
Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 10th June at 10:40am. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Cancer Research UK. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW.
Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

RILEY VERA (VEE)

Formerly of Birkdale & Upholland
31st May 2016
Aged 91 years.
Passed away peacefully after a short illness.

Wife of the late Doug, Mother of David, Mother in law to Jan and Grandmother to Nikki.
Family flowers only but donations if so desired to Alzheimers Society.
Funeral to take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 13th June at 12.15pm. For further enquiries please contact Hunters Funeral Directors 128B Burscough Street, Ormskirk L39 2EY.
Tel: 01695 572997

DEATHS

DAVIES LESLIE (LES)

31st May 2016
after a long illness bravely borne
Aged 77 years

Loving Husband of Thelma, devoted Dad of Susan and Alan, dear Father-in-law of Alan and Karen, Cherished Grandad of Kirsty and Georgia. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St Michaels in the City Church Liverpool 1 on Thursday 9th June at 12 noon followed by committal at St Helens Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Parkinson UK Ormskirk branch or St Michaels in the City Church. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868

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(SUTCH LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, Cycle or Pedestrian to proceed over that length of Sutch Lane, from 20 metres either side of the level crossing.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 2300 hours and 0800 hours from Monday 27th June 2016 until Tuesday 28th June 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Road is Dead End and there is no alternative route.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Level Crossing Works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/2325/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(POOL HEY LANE, SCARISBRICK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, Cycle or Pedestrian to proceed over that length of Pool Hey Lane, from 20 metres either side of the level crossing.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 2300 hours and 0800 hours from Saturday 18th June 2016 until Sunday 19th June 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: A570 Southport Road - Snape Green - Wyke Cop Road - Pool Hey Lane and Vice Versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Level Crossing Works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/2326/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Meadow Lane, between Prescotts Canal Bridge and Ellerbrook Bridge.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Thursday 16th June until 1630 hours on Friday 1st July 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: A59 Moss Lane, Burscough - A59 Liverpool Road North, Burscough - School Lane, Burscough - Carr Lane, Lathom - Meadow Lane, Lathom and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway embankment works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
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[Ref: HRiT/2365/WH]

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, Cycle or Pedestrian to proceed over that length of Sutch Lane, from 20 metres either side of the level crossing.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 2300 hours and 0800 hours from Monday 27th June 2016 until Tuesday 28th June 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Road is Dead End and there is no alternative route.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Level Crossing Works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/2325/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(WYKE COP ROAD, SCARISBRICK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, Cycle or Pedestrian to proceed over that length of Wyke Cop Road, Scarisbrick from 20 metres either side of the level crossing.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 2300 hours and 0800 hours from Saturday 25th June 2016 until Sunday 26th June 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Wyke Cop Road - Pool Hey Lane - A570 Southport Road - Snape Green - Wyke Cop Road and Vice Versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Level Crossing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO'S 3 & 4 LYDIATE & 21, 30 (PART), 31 & 32 AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which is to prohibit temporarily any traffic from proceeding over those lengths of Public Footpath No's 3 & 4 Lydiate and 21, 30 (part), 31 & 32 Aughton, Borough of West Lancashire, indicated below:-

Public Footpath No. 3 Lydiate, West Lancashire commencing from Point A (GR SD 3763 0661) at its junction with Green's Lane, Lydiate, West Lancashire and running in a generally easterly direction for a distance of approximately 126 metres to Point B (GR SD 3776 0659) then turning in a north easterly direction and running for a distance of approximately 232 metres to Point C (GR SD 3788 0676) and its junction with FP33 Aughton, West Lancashire.

Public Footpath No. 4 Lydiate, West Lancashire commencing from Point D (GR SD 3733 0595) at its junction with Green's Lane, West Lancashire and running in a generally north easterly direction for a distance of approximately 664 metres to Point E (GR SD 3378 0625) and its junction with FP32 Aughton, West Lancashire.

Public Footpath No. 32 Aughton, West Lancashire commencing from Point E (GR SD 3378 0625) and running in a generally northerly direction for a distance of approximately 370 meters to Point B (GR SD 3776 0659) and its junction with FP3 Lydiate, West Lancashire.

Part of Public Footpath No. 30 Aughton, West Lancashire commencing from its junction with FP8 Aughton at Point F (GR SD 3810 0626) and running in a generally southerly direction for a distance of approximately 993 metres to Point G (GR SD 3821 0543) and its junction with Back Lane, Aughton, West Lancashire.

Public Footpath No. 21 Aughton, West Lancashire commencing from Point H (GR SD 3822 0544) and running in a generally south easterly direction for a distance of approximately 656 metres to Point I (GR SD 3873 0519) and its junction with the A59 (Northway), Aughton, West Lancashire.

Public Footpath No. 31 Aughton, West Lancashire commencing from Point H (GR SD 3822 0544) and running in a generally northerly direction for a distance of approximately 809 metres to Point J (GR SD 3848 0618) and its junction with FP28 & 29 Aughton, West Lancashire.
The closure is necessary due to works proposed to be and being executed on or near the routes, said works being the laying of a new pipeline.

Access for pedestrians to any premises situated on or adjacent to the footpaths, or to any other premises accessible for pedestrians from, and only from, the footpaths, will be maintained at all times.

Nothing in the order shall apply to emergency service vehicles.

The Order will be operative from the 16th June, 2016, for a period of 6 months or until the works are completed within this period.

IAN YOUNG, Director of Governance, Finance & Public Services
Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, PRESTON, PR1 8XJ

NOT PART OF THE STATUTORY NOTICE
The plan on site shows the routes to be closed as A-B-C, D-E, E-B, F-G, H-I & H-J. Lancashire County Council is informed that alternative routes are provided using D-A-K & I-L-J-M.
Please contact the Rights of Way Team on 01772 533722 if necessary.

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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Hall lane, Simonswood from its junction with Hursts Lane to its junction with Sefton District Boundary.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0700 hours and 1700 hours from Monday 20th June 2016 until Wednesday 8th July 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Hall Lane - Shevington Lane - A506 Bank Lane - B5197 Prescott Road - A506 Cunscough Lane - Simonswood Lane and Vice Versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/2704/WH]

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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, to proceed over that length of Morris lane, Halsall from its junction with the A5147 Halsall Road to its junction with Small Lane North.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0930 hours and 1530 hours from Monday 27th June 2016 until Wednesday 29th June 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Small Lane North - North Moor Lane - A5147 Halsall Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Utility works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/2490/WH]

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2016/0516/FUL Erection of 124 dwellings, public open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure at Land To The North Of, Meadowbrook, Burscough.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2016/0561/FUL Construction of 3 no. units (Classes A1, A3 and A5), petrol filling station with associated kiosk, and associated access, parking, servicing and landscaping details at Land North Of Junction With Pippin Street, Liverpool Road South, Burscough.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2016/0296/FUL Alterations and extension to Grade II Listed dwelling and felling of trees at Manor Cottage, Miry Lane, Parbold.
Application No: 2016/0297/LBC Listed Building Consent - Alterations and extension to Grade II Listed dwelling and felling of trees at Manor Cottage, Miry Lane, Parbold.
Application No: 2016/0381/OUT Demolition of 31 lock-up garages and outline application including means of access for the redevelopment of the site to provide residential use (Use Class C3) comprising up to 13 No. apartments and, in addition, up to 20 car parking spaces and associated landscape areas at Garages To The East Of Arnian Court, Molyneux Road, Aughton.
Application No: 2016/0415/FUL Erection of awning to front elevation at Broughs, 15 Moor Street, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2016/0498/FUL Detached two bay garage at 4 Normanhurst, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2016/0537/COU Change of use of existing stable block to dog kennels at Tatlocks Farm, 82 Lord Sefton Way, Great Altcar.
Application No: 2016/0548/FUL Proposed 1.5 storey side extension with a new porch entrance, boundary wall treatment and vehicular entrance. A new utility extension. Removal and replacement of rough cast render together with removal of new chimney stack and replacement roof covering (part retrospective) at 9 Granville Park, Aughton.
Application No: 2016/0576/FUL Proposed new sub station at Moor Hall, Prescot Road, Aughton.
Application No: 2016/0577/LBC Listed Building Consent - Proposed new sub station at Moor Hall, Prescot Road, Aughton.
Application No: 2016/0583/FUL Replace pitched roof for the annex flat and garage with flat roof with skylights at Whiteledge Farm House, Spencers Lane, Digmoor, Skelmersdale.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 8th June 2016
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT901

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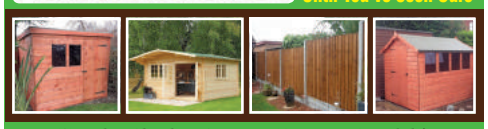

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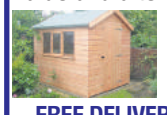

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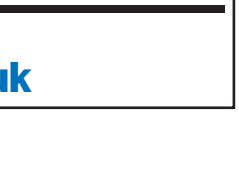

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The new Top Gear has a hidden gem

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I WATCHED an episode of *Top Gear* the other night. It involved a rather shouty millionaire cracking some awkward jokes to a slightly subdued audience, with a couple of rather expensively shot films about supercars to break the tension.

Only, Chris Evans was nowhere to be seen. What I was perusing was the very first episode under Jeremy Clarkson's now widely lauded reinvention of the show, filmed nearly 16 years ago. It's an ocean apart from the smash hit a certain fracas brought to a shuddering halt last year.

I mention it because it's important to remember even the biggest TV shows start somewhere. *Doctor Who* had wobbly sets and a presidential assassination on its opening night to contend with. *Only Fools and Horses'* viewing figures didn't pick up until its third season. It's the same with the revived *TG*.

It wasn't instant chemistry between mates - it was a near-deserted studio and bread-and-butter supermini and used car reviews.

No show should be judged solely on its opening episode, which is why last week's *Life On Cars* rabbited on about Ford Mustangs while the rest of Britain turned into a nation of Charlie Brookers.

But the real jewel in the new *Top Gear* crown is its online-only sister show. *Extra Gear* could've been a slapped together afterthought but it really ventures into unashamedly petrolhead territory. Last Sunday's clip with Chris Evans getting all emotional about why he loves the McLaren F1 was truly brilliant. It was far better than anything on the main show itself.

Do I think Chris Evans' *Top Gear* is as good as the old show was in its prime? No, not even slightly, but that's missing the point. It's enjoyable stuff that'll evolve in its own time, and it's got a hidden gem in *Extra Gear* to back it up.

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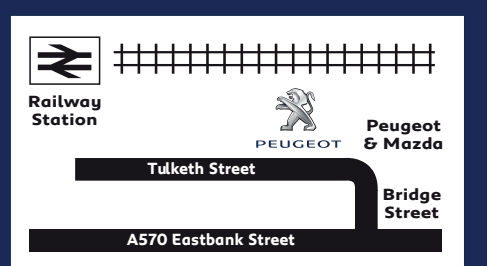

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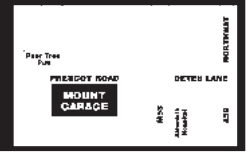

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Burscough Richmond FC to hold trials this month

BURSCOUGH Richmond FC are holding trials ahead of next season.

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For more information, call 07877 151 917 or 07885 223 518.

Mayor to be at women's football tournament at the JMO Sports Park

MAYOR of West Lancashire, Councillor Liz Savage, and her consort, will attend the Skelmersdale Athletic National Girls and Women's annual football tournament at the JMO Sports Park, Blaguegate playing fields, Liverpool Road, on Saturday, June 11 from 11am

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Ormskirk denied win by defiant Cockbain at Formby

Northern pull clear at top after narrow victory at Rainhill

ORMSKIRK were held to a draw at Formby on Saturday, *writes Glenn Wallworth.*

The visitors declared on 258-8 declared off 55 overs thanks in the main to Simon Kerrigan (51), George Lavelle (50), Michael Jones (42), Andy Baybutt (39) and Ian Robinson (34), whilst 3-50 from Tym Crawford took the bowling honours

In reply a defiant 67 from Formby skipper Ian Cockbain, 39 from Dane Williams and an unbeaten 38 from James Seaward meant the hosts ended on 200-6 as the game ended in a draw.

Northern climbed to the top of the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division after an enthralling low scoring 32 run win at Rainhill.

The visitors collapsed from 60-2 to 95 all out, as all but Davy Smith (40) and skipper James Cole (28) struggled against the spin of Mohammad Qureshi who took a remarkable 6-15 off 21 overs. In reply, Northern's master of spin Tom Sephton went one better as he returned figures of 7-29 and Ryan Maddock took 3-34 as they bamboozled the hosts for just 63.

Bootle had scored 264-8 in exactly 55 overs with Michael Farrell (87) and Danny Davies (77) sharing a third wicket stand of 130.

In the home side's reply Khurram Hussein was 88 not out when the rain came with New Brighton marooned on 208-5

This weekend's local LDCC fixtures (1pm): Colwyn Bay v Formby, Northern v Lytham, Ormskirk v New Brighton.

Burscough denied a finish at Sefton Park by thunderstorm

Skelmersdale stay top of Division Two after Maloney sees them home to one wicket win against St Helens

INthe First Division, league leaders Burscough declared on 183-9 at third placed Sefton Park, with Navdeep Aujla (39), Alan Murray (32) and Rob Glaysher (24) in the runs, whilst Peter Kelly 4-41 and Robbie Houghton 3-65 shone with the ball.

In reply Sefton had reached 109-4 with 17 overs remaining when thunder, lightning and heavy rain stopped play, with opener James Baird unbeaten on 88.

Ainsdale had a seven wicket home win over Southport & Birkdale, the visitors posted 184 up on the board, thanks to runs from Isaac Lea (63), skipper Chris Firth (30) and 20 from Chris Brownlow, with Martyn Farrell 5-28 taking his first five wicket haul for the hosts and Mal Swift taking 3-49. In reply Mark Foster (55) and skipper Andy Barlow (63*) put on a century opening stand, before Sam Lucas (51*) joined his skipper and took the hosts to victory on 187-3.

Maghull were narrowly beaten by 11 runs at Northop Hall, opener Danny Nolan hit 124 (11x4 & 4x6), fellow opener James Hurlin (54) and 32 from skipper Alex Smith took the hosts to 241-3 dec, with Mohammad Nawaz taking 3-52. In reply, Jack Wrigglesworth (104* inc 12x4) hit his maiden century for Maghull, Jon Ring hit 37 and Joe Dunne made 22 as were bowled out just short of their target for 230, as Hurlin capped off a fine individual day with 7-71.

Fleetwood Hesketh completed a comprehensive eight wicket win home over Orrell Red Triangle, the visitors recovered from a disastrous 11-4 to reach 127 thanks to 31 from Paul Mottram and 30 from Sam Heeley, with Steve Gregory 4-28, Issy Perera 3-34 and 6 victims behind the stumps from keeper Lee Rimmer doing the damage. In reply, an unbeaten 46 from the returning Connor Allison, 37 from Neil Rimmer and an undefeated 28 from Perera guided the host to victory on 129-2.

A thrilling one wicket win for Skelmersdale over St Helnes Town kept them on top of the Second Division.

Matthew Fenney and Daniel Edwards shared eight wickets as St Helend Town were dismissed for 140 in 36 overs.

Martyn Brierley then scored 44 and Ryan Maloney 40 not out to see Skelmersdale home.

Hightown St Mary's lost at home by five wickets to Caldy, the hosts were bowled out for 107 as Kamran Hussain returned to his former club to take 7-39. In reply Caldy raced to victory on 111-5.

This weekend's local LDCC First and Second fixtures: v Lytham, Ormskirk v New Brighton, Burscough v Ainsdale, Highfield v Fleetwood Hesketh, Maghull v Wigan, Southport & Birkdale v Northop Hall, Spring View v Hightown St Mary's and Old Xaverians v Skelmersdale.

United appeal for help to get Stormy Corner spick and span

YOUR local football club needs you!

A saying that has been used before and will no doubt be used again at football clubs the length and breadth of the country, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

Well Skelmersdale United FC are looking for your help, this weekend and on most weekends between now and the middle of July.

The help is mostly on getting the Stormy Corner stadium spick and span for the coming season, "Whether it is a bit of painting or some brushing up or pulling weeds out of various places the jobs are pretty endless really," said a club spokesperson this week.

Skelmersdale United's ground took quite a hit during the winter months.

The pitch on Boxing Day was under about a foot of water as evidenced in the photograph, also there was damage to the fence at the far end of the ground caused by high winds.

It is known that a repair grant has been applied for to repair the fence and when asked about the pitch the spokesperson said: "The work over the last couple of weeks has been centred on the pitch and that is now awaiting some expert assistance, I must thank supporters for their contribution to that. A football ground is like The Forth Bridge, when you get to one end the other needs starting on again, so it is the stadium that requires the tender loving care and most people are qualified to do that"

The ground will be open at 9am on Saturday morning and for consecutive Saturday's through to the start of the season, also if anyone wants to do their bit during the week that would be appreciated too."

Skelmersdale United's first scheduled pre-season match is against Accrington Stanley on Tuesday, July 19, the next fixed date is Saturday, July 30 when Enfield Town make the long trip up from North London for the game that marks the commemoration of the 1967 Wembley Final (there will be more information on that day soon, but it is known that sponsorship opportunities are available).

Burscough away is arranged for Tuesday,August 2.

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FRANCE

The host nation is usually pegged as a decent bet for any tournament, but when you have the likes of Paul Pogba and Antoine Griezmann in the squad, the odds are even better!

Manager Didier Deschamps has one of the most feared teams in the world and France will surely fancy themselves to go far in this tournament.

SPAIN

The defending champions are perhaps not as feared as they once were. Currently ranked sixth in the world, they have struggled for goals in recent months with a lack of a world class striker.

But Vicente del Bosque's men are gunning for their third consecutive European Championship and you can never rule them out.

GERMANY

The world champions have lost some key men, including captain Philip Lahm, but still look like a strong prospect.

With the likes of Toni Kroos and Thomas Müller in the team, they are always going to go into matches full of confidence.

BELGIUM

Many had their eye on Belgium as possible winners of the World Cup in 2014 but they didn't quite live up to expectations and were knocked out in the quarter-final by Argentina. But they look even stronger than two years ago and their squad certainly holds up alongside the others on this list.

Eden Hazard, Kevin De Bruyne, Romelu Lukaku and Divock Origi are just some of the attacking talent in the Belgium side.

ENGLAND

Among the favourites, possibly not, but Roy Hodgson has reinvigorated this England side since our poor showing at the last World Cup in 2014.

The likes of Gerrard, Lampard and Cole have gone - replaced by a host of exciting, fearless youngsters who have been lighting up the Premier League this season.

We all wait expectantly to see whether the likes of Alli, Kane, Stones and Vardy can succeed where so many before them have failed?

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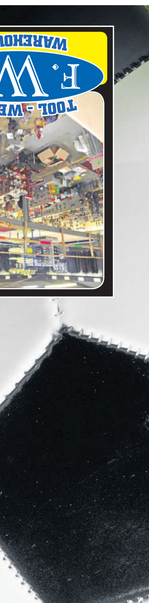

PAUL POGBA

This midfielder has excelled at Juventus and is expected to be the driving force behind a strong French side. Rumoured to be the subject of a huge summer move to the Premier League or La Liga, Pogba will want to cement his status as a world-class midfielder at the tournament.

DAVID DE GEA

It wouldn't be right not to include a player from the defending champions, but it's a much changed squad from their 2012 triumph and a star-studded attacker is difficult to pinpoint in this squad. There are a lack of household names in attack, with the likes of youngster Lucas Vazquez being selected above Fernando Torres, so attention turns to the defence. De Gea has had another spectacular season with United and was the first choice for Spain in the qualifiers. If Spain have any hopes of retaining the title, de Gea will play a big part.

KEVIN DE BRUYNE

If anyone raised any eyebrows at Manchester City splashing £55million on the former Chelsea flop, De Bruyne quickly eased any doubts with a stunning first season in the Premier League. The Belgium midfielder has emerged as a star at club level and will be hoping to continue his good form.

THOMAS MÜLLER

The Bayern Munch striker will lead the line for Germany and having already scored 31 goals in his international career at the age of 26, you would fancy him to bag a few more in France.Not a bad bet to be top goalscorer.

GARETH BALE

The world's most expensive player will be looking to impress this summer and his lightning pace will likely strike fear into defenders of all nations facing Wales. Fresh off yet another impressive campaign with Real Madrid, Bale's stock has risen even further since his move to La Liga. With the hopes of an entire nation resting on his shoulders, Bale will likely shine once again this summer.

CRISTIANO RONALDO

It wouldn't quite be a star-studded list without Ronaldo. Fresh off the back of winning the Champions League with Real Madrid, the attacker will be Portugal's biggest threat, as he has been for a number of years.

FIVE FUTURE STARS

REGARDLESS of the teams, the crunching tackles, the beautiful goals and the Mexican waves, there is always one factor of the Euros which fuel every football fan's pub argument – who will be the next star?

Here, the Champion has found five youngsters you should look out for:

First up we have the Portuguese midfield maestro from Bayern Munich. **RENATO SANCHES** has been snapped up by the German champions ahead of next season for a wallet shaking £60 million – quite a price tag for an 18 year old.

France, hot favourites to win on home soil boast some of the best names in this tournament – Payet, Pogba, N'golo Kante and the rest of Didier Deschamps team are already household names. 19 year old **KINGSLEY COMAN** made a huge name for himself this year after a star studded Champions League campaign with Bayern – the on loan Juve winger has dazzling pace, natural skill and just enough Parisienne flair to cause trouble to any defence.

Only a nasty ankle injury stopped Liverpool's **DIVOCK ORIGI** from a well worn campaign for the reds this season but thanks to a strict Jurgen Klopp medical regime, the Belgian striker and 21 year old is fit and raring to go in the Euros. He faces tough competition from Romelu Lukaku and Kevin De Bruyne but he has enough skill and finesse to make a name for himself in France.

Fourth in our list is **KAROL LINETTY**, who is on the radar of Man City, Spurs and even Leicester with a premier league move for the Lech Poznan midfielder on the cards. However the 21 year old will have his entire focus on performing at the top of his game for Poland over the next month. His versatile play making in the Polish engine room makes him a top threat to defenders and he can break away quick.

Finally it would be unthinkable to leave out one of our own rising stars, so **MARCUS RASHFORD** takes up the last place in our five-person list. If it wasn't for this man, Dele Alli or Harry Kane would have made this list without question – but the FA Cup and league heroics of 18-year-old Marcus Rashford mean the Man United striker has rapidly become the name on every England fan's lips.

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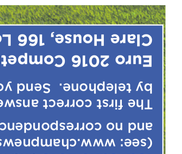

THERE are 36 live group matches being shared between broadcasters **BBC** and **ITV** – so fans can look forward to a busy summer sat in front of the television!

Starting with the opening fixture when France take on Romania on Friday, June 10 to the final group game between Sweden and Belgium on Wednesday, June 22, there are lots to look forward to.

Managers **ROY HODGSON** *(England)*, **CHRIS COLEMAN** *(Wales)*, **MARTIN O'NEILL** *(Republic of Ireland)* and **MICHAEL O'NEILL** *(Northern Ireland)* will be hoping to pick up as many points as possible in their vital three group games to ensure they qualify for the knock-out rounds.

The chances of all four sides achieving this is unlikely – especially as England and Wales are pitted against each other in the same group. But it is certainly an exciting prospect if all four can do well in the tournament, even though Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland will be viewed as underdogs in their own groups.

If any of the home nations teams make it through to the knock-out stages, there will be further announcements by BBC and ITV as to what games will be broadcast live. In the meantime, make a note of these fixtures and mark them off in your diary, it promises to be an exciting group stage! Please note that details are subject to change without notice.

Saturday June 11
5pm BBC Wales v Slovakia
8pm ITV England v Russia

Sunday June 12
5pm BBC Poland v Northern Ireland

Monday June 13
5pm BBC Republic of Ireland v Sweden

Thursday June 16
2pm BBC England v Wales
5pm ITV Ukraine v Northern Ireland

Saturday June 18
2pm ITV Belgium v Republic of Ireland

Monday June 20
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Tuesday June 21
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Wednesday June 22
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ROMANIA	June 15 · 5pm	SWITZERLAND — Paris · Parc de Princes
FRANCE	June 15 · 8pm	ABANIA — Marseille · Stade Vélodrome
ROMANIA	June 19 · 8pm	ALBANIA — Lyon · Stade de Lyon
SWITZERLAND	June 19 · 8pm	FRANCE — Lille · Stade Pierre Mauroy

GROUP B

ENGLAND	June 11 · 8pm	RUSSIA — Marseille · Stade Vélodrome
WALES	June 11 · 5pm	SLOVAKIA — Bordeaux · Stade de Bordeaux
RUSSIA	June 15 · 2pm	SLOVAKIA — Lille · Stade Pierre Mauroy
ENGLAND	June 16 · 2pm	WALES — Lens · Stade Bollaert-Delelis
RUSSIA	June 20 · 8pm	WALES — Toulouse · Stadium de Toulouse
SLOVAKIA	June 20 · 8pm	ENGLAND — St.Etienne · Stade Geoffroy Guichard

GROUP C

GERMANY	June 12 · 8pm	UKRAINE — Lille · Stade Pierre Mauroy
POLAND	June 12 · 5pm	N.IRELAND — Nice · Stade de Nice
UKRAINE	June 16 · 5pm	N.IRELAND — Lyon · Stade de Lyon
GERMANY	June 16 · 8pm	POLAND — Saint-Denis · Stade de France
UKRAINE	June 21 · 5pm	POLAND — Marseille · Stade Vélodrome
N.IRELAND	June 21 · 5pm	GERMANY — Paris · Parc de Princes

GROUP D

TURKEY	June 12 · 2pm	CROATIA — Paris · Parc de Princes
SPAIN	June 13 · 2pm	CZECH REPUBLIC — Toulouse · Stadium de Toulouse
SPAIN	June 17 · 8pm	TURKEY — Nice · Stade de Nice
CZECH REPUBLIC	June 17 · 5pm	CROATIA — St.Etienne · Stade Geoffroy Guichard
CROATIA	June 21 · 8pm	SPAIN — Bordeaux · Stade de Bordeaux
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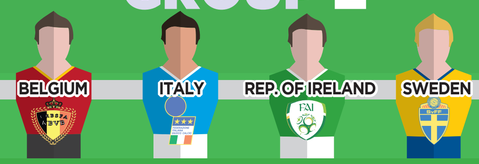

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GROUP F

AUSTRIA	June 14 · 5pm	HUNGARY — Bordeaux · Stade de Bordeaux
PORTUGAL	June 14 · 8pm	ICELAND — St.Etienne · Stade Geoffroy Guichard
ICELAND	June 18 · 5pm	HUNGARY — Marseille · Stade Vélodrome
PORTUGAL	June 18 · 8pm	AUSTRIA — Paris · Parc de Princes
HUNGARY	June 22 · 5pm	PORTUGAL — Lyon · Stade de Lyon
ICELAND	June 22 · 5pm	AUSTRIA — Saint-Denis · Stade de France

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KNOCKOUT STAGE

1	Runner-up A — June 25 · 2pm	Runner-up C — St.Etienne			
	Winner Match 1 — June 30 · 8pm	Winner Match 2 — Marseille			
2	Winner D — June 25 · 8pm	3rd place B/E/F — Lens			
3	Winner B — June 25 · 5pm	3rd place A/C/D — Paris			
	Winner Match 3 — July 1 · 8pm	Winner Match 4 — Lille			
4	Winner F — June 26 · 8pm	Runner-up E — Toulouse			
					5 Winner C — June 26 · 5pm — 3rd place A/B/F — Lille
					Winner Match 5 — July 2 · 8pm — Winner Match 6 — Bordeaux
					6 Winner E — June 27 · 5pm — Runner-up D — Saint-Denis
					7 Winner A — June 26 · 2pm — 3rd place C/D/E — Lyon
					Winner Match 7 — July 3 · 8pm — Winner Match 8 — Saint-Denis
					8 Runner-up B — June 27 · 8pm — Runner-up F — Nice

QUARTER FINAL: Winner Match 1 vs Winner Match 2 → Winner QF1 vs Winner QF2 — Lyon

QUARTER FINAL: Winner Match 3 vs Winner Match 4 → Winner QF3 vs Winner QF4 — Marseille

SEMI-FINAL: Winner QF1 vs Winner QF2 — July 6 · 8pm

SEMI-FINAL: Winner QF3 vs Winner QF4 — July 7 · 8pm

Winner SF1 vs Winner SF2
July 10 · 8pm
Stade de France · Saint-Denis

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